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*Missionary Lois Ahrens at Denton Lake With Her Accordion*

# Denominational Reminders

## ENGAGEMENTS

**Dr. William Kuhn**

Sunday, Nov. 7 — Morning Service  
Pleasant Prairie Church, Wetaskiwin, Alberta.

Afternoon, Dedication Service of  
Christian Training Institute  
Building, Edmonton, Alberta.

Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 8 and  
9 — Services in Connection with  
Dedication Program of C. T. I.  
Building, Edmonton, Alberta.

**Rev. J. C. Gunst**

Nov. 1-4 — Lorraine, Kansas.

Nov. 5-7 — Christian Workers' Conference for the Southwestern Conference Churches, Lorraine, Kansas.

Monday, Nov. 8 — Bethany Church, Vesper, Kansas.

Nov. 12-14 — Christian Workers' Conference for the Northwestern Conference Area at Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minn.

**Rev. M. L. Leuschner**

Sunday, Nov. 7 — Morning Service, Bethany Church, Camrose, Alberta.

Afternoon — Dedication Service of Christian Training Institute Building, Edmonton, Alberta.  
Evening — First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta With Wiesen-thal Church Cooperating.

Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 8-9 — Services in Connection With Dedication Program of C. T. I. Building, Edmonton, Alberta.  
Friday, Nov. 12 — Trochu, Alberta.

### ANNUAL BOARD MEETING of Portland's Home for the Aged on Monday, Nov. 15

The fiscal year of the Baptist Home for the Aged of Portland, Oregon, closes on October 31, 1948. All membership dues must be submitted by that date.

The annual meeting of the Baptist Home for the Aged of Portland, Oregon will be held on Monday evening, November 15, 1948, at 8 P. M. at which time the annual reports will be rendered and seven directors will be elected.

Melvin Becker, Secretary.

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Sunday Morning, Nov. 14 — Carbon, Alberta.

Sunday Evening, Nov. 14 — Calgary, Alberta.

Monday, Nov. 15 — Medicine Hat, Alberta.

**Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist**

October 31 to November 26 — Artas and Herreid, South Dakota.

**Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Evangelist**

November 7-19 — Emery, So. Dak.

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### SPECIAL EVENTS

Nov. 5-7 — Christian Workers' Conference for Southwestern Conference Area, Lorraine, Kansas.

Nov. 7-9 — Dedication of New Building of Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta.

Nov. 12-14 — Christian Workers' Conference for Northwestern Conference Area, Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minn.

Nov. 24-28 — Fiftieth Anniversary of the Ebenezer Church, Detroit, Michigan.

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### AMONG OURSELVES

These are memorable days for our Seminary! The ground - breaking exercises for the new buildings at Sioux Falls, So. Dak., were held on a glorious autumn day on Sept. 28. All of this will be reported with pictures in the next issue. The new student body with fifty-five full students gives reason for anticipating greater things in the future. The faculty has been enlarged with the addition of Dr. Albert S. Felberg. The Seminary is making progress in our denominational life, for which we praise God!

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### IN THIS ISSUE

Everything in this number of "The Baptist Herald" has its attention focused on the observance of Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week from November 21 to 28. No one can claim to be uninformed about this offering after reading the two November issues. No one ought to claim exemption from giving to the worthy cause of our denominational advance. The articles by the Rev. Frank H. Woyke about our advance, by Dr. William Kuhn concerning relief, by the Rev. J. C. Gunst about the Achievement Plan and youth activities, the colorful accounts (over four illustrated pages) that deal with our Seminary, and the editorial will usher you into the truth that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

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### COMING

**Thanksgiving Messages** — A sermon by the Rev. George W. Zinz, Jr., of Milwaukee, Wis., and an article by Mrs. G. Robert Eichler of Erie Pa., will bring blessing to your Thanksgiving Day.

**Thanksgiving Offering** — An article by the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, missionary secretary, and reports by several missionaries, will give further information concerning the observance of Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week.

**The Christian Deviant** — This provocative article by Dr. T. W. Bender was delivered as the message at the opening exercises of the Seminary. It will appear in two installments.

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# EDITORIALS

Martin L. Leuschner

## The Grace of Giving

"SEE THAT ye abound in the grace also." This was a command of the Apostle Paul to the Christians at Corinth. The example of the Macedonians, as they had given sacrificially for the church at Jerusalem, had deeply stirred his heart. The grace of God had been richly bestowed on the churches of Macedonia, because they "first gave their own selves to the Lord" (2 Cor. 8:5) and then they brought their generous gifts. Their thanksgiving tried to keep pace with the boundless flow of God's blessings.

The Apostle emphasized the truth that the Corinthians as well as the Macedonians had known the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. They had become rich through his poverty (2 Cor. 8:9). In Christ they were also abounding in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence. But one thing more was needed! The apostle wanted the Corinthians to rise majestically to the occasion. His partners and fellow-helpers, including Titus, were to visit the church. "Wherefore show ye to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love, and of our boasting on your behalf" (2 Cor. 8:24). Their gifts for the ministering to the saints were sorely needed. "See that ye abound in this grace also."

This picture has not changed greatly since the Apostle's day. We too have experienced the marvelous grace of Jesus. God has bestowed his bounty of loving gifts upon us. The Gospel is still the power of God unto salvation to all who believe. The needs of the souls of men are just as desperate as they were centuries ago. God calls us to the fields of missionary service which are white already to harvest. He opens the door of opportunity and then places the burden of responsibility upon us. He entrusts the success of his Kingdom enterprise into our care. Our gifts are needed to undergird this work which his Holy Spirit has inspired. This is then the challenge: "See that ye abound in this grace also."

That is the secret of all true thanksgiving. It receives the bounty of God's blessings with a heart overflowing with gratitude. Then it endeavors to keep pace with God's loving kindness by giving and giving again. But the more we give, the greater God gives to us, and the greater becomes our gratitude! There is no pause or halt in such an advance for Christ.

This proof of our love is the call of the hour for our North American Baptist churches. God has showered his grace upon us. We are thoroughly convinced of that. But we have not kept pace with God's expectations of us. We shall not be able to fulfill the tasks which God has assigned to us unless we "see that we abound in this grace of giving also."

During the Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week from Sunday, Nov. 21, to Sunday, Nov. 28, every one of our churches will present this challenge to its membership — "See that ye abound in this grace also." The missionary gifts, that ought to flow into God's treasury as a result, will be our thankoffering to God for his marvelous grace. As it was said of Titus, so may it be said of us: "But thanks be to God, who hath put the same earnest care into your heart" for this great work of the Lord!

### BIBLE TEXT

"Whatsoever he (Christ) saith unto you, do it" John 2:5.

This has become the text for our Million Dollar Offering. Christ commands! His word is supreme. Our responsibility is to carry out his orders, to do what he entrusts to us. His sovereign will has opened missionary opportunities for us in Africa and China. We have heard his commanding orders to advance in our denominational ministry. Now we must do what the Lord Jesus Christ has willed for us and entrusted to us by undergirding this work and advance with the gifts for the Million Dollar Offering. Let's remember that!

We should also remember that this was the beginning of miracles in Cana of Galilee and he "manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him." In that same manner this spiritual and missionary advance, undergirded by the Million Dollar Offering, can be the beginning of great things and wonders of Christ in our midst as he manifests his glory to our churches and on our mission fields. The result is bound to be a great harvest of precious souls for his eternal kingdom!

### ACHIEVEMENT PLAN— 3rd GOAL

The third goal of our denomination's spiritual advance, "The Christian Achievement Plan," will receive the earnest and concentrated attention of our people everywhere during the months of November and December. It will focus our study on "The Christian Home." It will remind us as to the maintenance of the family altar, the family at church and the family in Christian service.

A poster with the impelling message of this Achievement goal has been mailed to the churches for their bulletin boards. The pastors have been urged to emphasize this challenge in their sermons and services. Many fine leaflets on the Christian home are available to our people for the asking. A full page of inspirational material concerning this goal will appear in the next issue of "The Herald."

"Keep the home near heaven! Let it face towards the Father's house."

### OUR PUBLICATIONS

It is now time to begin renewing your subscriptions to "The Baptist Herald" and our other publications. The publication society's agent in your church will soon be calling upon you. You cannot afford to be without these denominational papers if you want to be informed about God's work through our denominational enterprise and if you seek spiritual inspiration and guidance. Renew your subscriptions NOW!

# Advancing Through Open Doors

The Challenge of the Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week, November 21 to 28, by the REV. FRANK H. WOYKE, Executive Secretary

THE FIRST Thanksgiving Day was one of the most important days in the history of America. For all time to come we shall be reminded that the early settlers of our country believed in God and humbly thanked him for material and spiritual blessings.

As we gather again to celebrate Thanksgiving Day, we are overpowered with much the same emotions which stirred those people so many years ago. As they did, so we also realize that "ye are not your own. For ye were bought with a price" (1 Cor. 6:19-20).

### THANKING FOR BLESSINGS

We are grateful, first of all, for the greatest harvest in American history. God has given us, in a very real sense, seven fat years, so that this final and most bountiful harvest is literally bursting the granaries of our country. In Iowa, as the corn picking season starts, one sees that the ears of corn are so numerous and large that many corn picking machines are inadequate to harvest them. During the wheat harvest, granaries and elevators overflowed so that the grain had to be spilled onto the fields.

One could go on with countless other illustrations, but it is enough to state that God has again given us the most bountiful harvest in our history. How grateful we should be that while so many others are hungry, cold and homeless, digging themselves out of the ruins of the late war, we can gather around richly laden tables.

What of those of us who live in cities? Toward the close of the war, an official of our government publicized the unheard of goal of "60 million jobs in America." No one could believe that such a goal could be reached in the foreseeable future. But today we have not only reached that tremendous goal but have long since surpassed it. Yes, we thank God for giving us food, shelter and work in abundance.

As were the Pilgrims, so we also are grateful for the freedom of worship which we continue to enjoy. In all liberty and peace we can worship God and proclaim his Gospel according to the dictates of our own conscience. These freedoms are by no means to be taken for granted in many other countries.

We as North American Baptists owe our Lord a deep sense of gratitude also for the open doors to an ever expanding ministry which he has granted

us. Pastors and churches are constantly alert in discovering new mission fields, and we are still growing in number. All the branches of our denomination are challenged by new opportunities. The Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, the Children's Home, the Christian Training Institute, the Publication Society, the Seminary, the General Missionary Society — all are eager to undertake new and larger tasks.

Although all the departments of our denominational household need our prayers and our support, we call attention here only to a few of the open doors God has given us.

1. The Christian Training Institute in Edmonton. The new building of the Institute has now been completed and is ready to be used for the glory of God. The Institute has already led many young people to more consecrated Christian service. Let us pray that the new unit will prove to be a great source of inspiration and instruction for our young people.

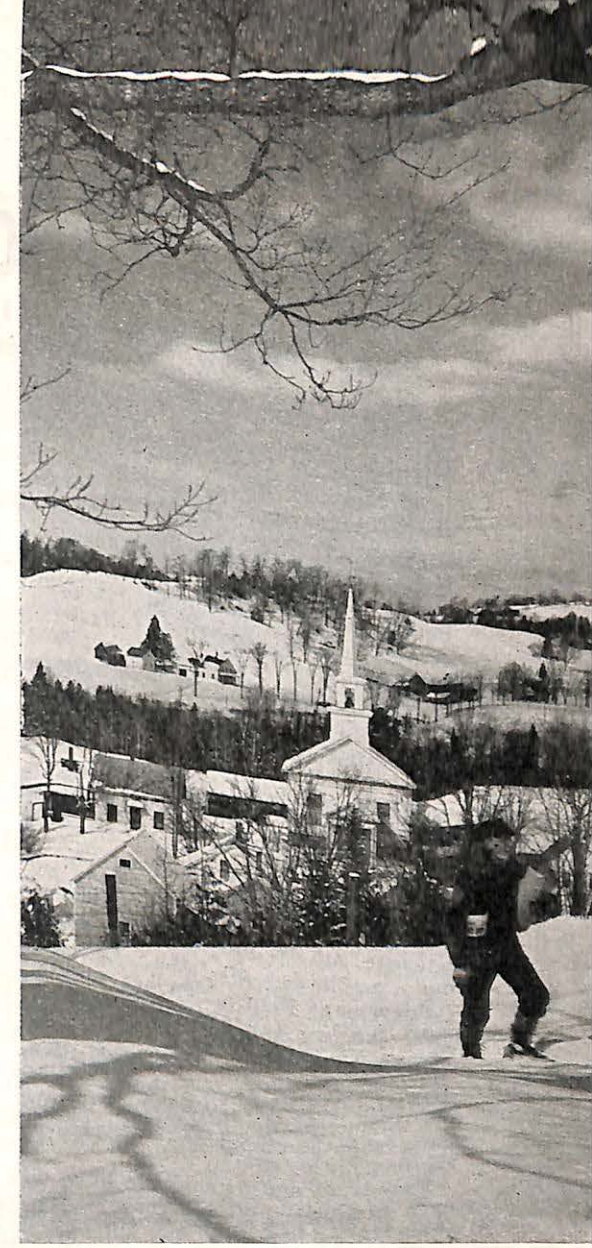
2. The Seminary Building Program. After nearly a hundred years of fruitful ministry in Rochester our Seminary is to be relocated in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The obstacles standing in the way of the accomplishment of this project loom up before us like giant mountains. But let us look not only upon the mountains before us but also through the open passes that lead to the broad plains of greater service.

3. The Cameroons Missions. No words can describe adequately what God has done for us in the Cameroons. The past few years have brought the following:

1. Increase in missionaries from 6 to 26.
2. Completion of a \$30,000 building program.
3. A medical missionary.
4. 4000 souls saved and baptized.

We praise God that young people from our churches are giving their all for Christian service at home and abroad. That is evidence of a deeply spiritual fellowship. Thus, when the call for new missionaries sounded, there were many ready to say: "Here am I, send me!" With the medical

Every Contribution For Our Relief Work During the Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week, November 21 to 28, 1948, Will Help to Complete Our MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING by July 31, 1949!



—Ewing Galloway Photo  
As Winter Approaches, the White Steeple of the Church Lifts Its Spire Above the Surrounding Snowy Scene to Show That Jesus Christ and His Gospel Must Always Be at the Heart and Center of Life!

program in the Cameroons being enlarged, we expect even wider doors to open in the Cameroons.

### ADVANCING THROUGH SACRIFICES

How shall we enter through all of these open doors and take possession of the promised land which God has shown us? We all know that this can be done only by sacrifice. Have we done all that we should? Have we given for the Lord's cause all we owe him? As a nation, we surely have not. Glance at what proportion out of each dollar American people spend for a few items:

1. Alcoholic beverages ... 5 cts.
2. Horse race betting ... 3½ cts.
3. Tobacco ... 2 cts.
4. Church and social welfare ... 8/10 ct.

The Christians of America cannot be complacent about the gifts that have been laid on God's altar. As long

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# Thanks Be to God!

A Review of Our Denomination's Spiritual Advance in Observance of the Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week by the REV. J. C. GUNST

**M**ORE than ever we as North American Baptists have reasons to be thankful this year. Let us all join in a concerted effort in a "Thanks be to God" spirit this Thanksgiving season.

As a denomination we have numberless reasons to express our gratitude. Individually and collectively we would feel guilty of disloyalty if we did not express true gratitude for his mercies and love, both materially and spiritually. Here let us emphasize our specific reasons for gratitude as a denominational body of believers. Truly, we have enjoyed great spiritual victories through Christ our Lord.

## THE ACHIEVEMENT PLAN

In the last two years our spiritual advance can be attributed largely to our emphasis on the Christian Achievement Plan. You are familiar with the six spiritual goals of the Christian Achievement Plan. Through the emphasis on the first goal, PERSONAL DISCIPLINE, thousands of our people, particularly young people, have taken inventory of their spiritual relationship to God.

How loyal and dependable have we been to Christ and his cause? How close are we to him in our daily walk of life? These, and many other questions, have been asked! As a result we have re-dedicated lives. We have more prayer helpers. There are more full-time Christian workers and better church members than heretofore. Through a disciplined daily fellowship with God there results a more consecrated discipleship for service.

Everywhere among our people there is a more diligent BIBLE STUDY these days. At our young people's assemblies and conventions (there are 28 of these throughout the United States and Canada) prayerfully planned Bible study courses have been carried out. The National Scripture Memory Course has received a wider circulation. Nearly 1500 boys and girls have memorized thousands of Bible verses. Through the Scripture Memory Course hundreds of Sunday School teachers, officers and equally as many parents have been made Bible-conscious.

Only God will know what that will do to individual lives, to homes and our churches where the Scripture memory Course has been followed. Although the Daily Bible Reading Program sponsored by the National Union has just been introduced this Fall, more than 1500 young people

are enrolled in daily Bible reading. We are grateful to God for a Bible-minded people who use the Word of Life as a daily guide in Christian living.

## CHRISTIAN YOUTH

With our emphasis on personal discipline and a well planned program in Bible Study it is only natural that there is proper emphasis on the building of the CHRISTIAN HOME. Everywhere we have people who have a family altar. Many have started this inspirational and unifying factor for family life for the first time. More of our people go to church in a family unit. Prayerfully and unitedly many of our fine families carry out some specific Christian service within the church and community. Christian action as a family unit is the strongest and most impressive Christian witness in our day.

Our fourth goal in the Christian Achievement Plan is EVANGELISM. God has marvelously used our people in evangelism. Our two general evangelists, the Reverends H. Pfeifer and H. Palfenier, have served most successfully in winning hundreds of souls to Christ. Pastors, Sunday School superintendents and youth leaders have done their share in soul winning. Scores of boys and girls, and young people as well, have been led to Christ at Scripture Memory Camps, and summer assemblies. Twenty-four Bible school, college and seminary students were engaged this past summer through the Youth Service Plan. These young people were soul winners with signal results. A full report of their ministry will appear in "The Baptist Herald" in a future issue.

## MISSIONARY INTEREST

MISSIONS have encouraged a spiritual upsurge everywhere in our work. Marked achievements are most noticeable in surrendered lives, as well as giving, to carry out Christ's command. Our general workers who have been in touch with our people have seen in actual demonstration the missionary fervency and zeal. There is the sacrificial service on the part of our home and foreign missionaries.

In our Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union conference organizations we have projects ranging from \$500 to \$12,000 for missions, depending on the size of the local groups. These are annual ventures for our youth. Behind these thousands

of dollars there are Christ-centered, God-loving, consecrated lives. That is the true spirit of missions. Thank God for Christian youth with such a spirit.

The very fact that CHRISTIAN TRAINING is our last and sixth goal in the Christian Achievement Plan makes it the most important of them all. How we need to thank God for men of zeal, loyalty and determination to train Christian youth and adults in the Christian way of life for leadership. Our Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alberta has helped hundreds of young people to acquire Bible knowledge which will make them able leaders in local churches.

## TRAINED LEADERSHIP

Our Seminary has trained hundreds of men who are the kind of pastors, teachers and spiritual leaders for such a time as this. We need to thank God for professors, pastors and Christian lay-leaders and for their vision in relocating our seminary. This will mean better trained leadership and men who will render a greater service spiritually in our denomination and churches.

Our National Union has long ago been stressing Leadership Training study courses in the local churches. Christian Workers' Conferences are a new venture where officers and teachers will get together in clinics to study the importance of leadership and become better qualified leaders. Youth Week from February 13 to 20, 1949 will give our young people the opportunity to take over for a full week in the church program. This is to give our youth not only opportunity for service, but training as well.

Years ago God spoke to his faithful servant Moses saying, "Tell the people of Israel that they go forward." It is our deep conviction that God is saying to us today: "Tell my people (North American Baptists) that they go forward." We must carry forward the torch of truth, life and light. Ours must always be a spiritual ministry.

Two years ago the Lord laid it upon our hearts to set a goal of One Million Dollars as a sacrifice offering for his cause. During the first year of our endeavor we met that quota. Will we meet the challenge this year? By his grace we shall attain our goal by August 1, 1949! We must, if we shall meet our obligations fully. This certainly would be the most practical



Sick and Emaciated a Young German Lad Returns Home from an Internment Camp in Russia to Be Greeted by Loved Ones of His Family.

# Our Relief Ministry

An Important Message for the Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week, Nov. 21 to 28, 1948, by DR. WILLIAM KUHN



This Picture of Tattered Rags and Hopeless Despair Seen in This Returning Prisoner of War from Russia Symbolizes Germany of Today.

**ALTHOUGH** we receive thousands upon thousands of letters expressing in eloquent words the gratitude of those receiving our relief, the full story of the blessings of our relief ministry will never be told. As we sincerely believe that the details of this ministry are entered in God's records, we firmly expect to hear the Lord himself acknowledge it on that day, when we must all appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ and receive from him according to the deeds done in this body, whether good or evil.

It is always a high festival day in our Baptist churches in Germany and Austria, when the bulk shipments, either of food or clothing, are distributed among the membership. From those meetingplaces of the suffering saints, praises to God and gratitude toward us ascend as a well-pleasing incense to God's throne. Because of our relief ministry, there are thousands of our brethren in those war-stricken countries daily going to the Throne of Grace and calling down upon us God's blessing for the help that we have given.

## FIFTY THOUSAND PARCELS

During the past two years we have sent about fifty thousand love-gift parcels containing food or clothing to individual addresses in Germany, Austria, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Rumania and Jugoslavia. With these individual parcels many are reached who would never share in our bulk shipments. Many of these live far removed from a local church, sometimes in a Catholic or godless community, and many are aged and infirm or confined in hospitals. A sorrow that can never be expressed gnaws at the hearts of the

members of disrupted families, when a mother with her children only knows that her husband has been reported as missing years ago in Russia, or when a family living in Germany cries unto God day and night to protect their only daughter from what might befall her among her Russian captors.

Only a few days ago we were informed that the Rev. Georgi Vassoff, pastor of our church at Lom, Bulgaria, and the Rev. Iwan Angeloff, pastor of our Gypsy Baptist Church in Bulgaria, were taken from their families and homes by the Russians without giving any reason. No one now knows of their whereabouts. What will a love parcel from us do in such a home, where the families cry to God day and night to protect and to bring back safely to them their loved one? There is no sorrow like that sorrow of these disrupted families.

## INDESCRIBABLE SUFFERING

There are thousands of prisoners of war still languishing and starving in the camps in Russia. When they do return home, there is inexpressible joy because of the reunion and heart-breaking sorrow because of their condition. They come home hardly recognized by their loved ones, emaciated in body and broken in spirit and soul. They come home to find their loved ones suffering from the diseases of undernourishment. Those returning in rags surely need respectable clothing and they need to be built up in health and spirit with good food. Here our love-gift parcels come into those homes like an angel of light.

We often marvel how God has led us to send just the right clothing and the nutritious food at the right time. Because of our food parcels, many

have been saved from death by starvation. Many can again attend church services and walk the streets clothed as self-respecting persons. Many a mother, because of our baby relief, has been able to take care of her new born child as her mother heart dictates.

A bulk shipment as well as our individual relief parcels are both indispensable, and each has its own particular type of blessing. Only a few days ago we were advised by the Bruderhilfe in "Vereinigung Westfalen" that 311 bales of clothing had been distributed in 76 churches.

## BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

It was a momentous decision which brought streams of blessing to tens of thousands of suffering Baptists in war stricken countries, when the Baptist World Alliance decided actively to engage in sending relief to our Baptist brethren in those countries overseas. This resolution was immediately followed by setting up the necessary organization for this stupendous task. The Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee immediately launched a program with a strong appeal. With the Baptist World Alliance, the Northern Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention, the Baptist Union of Western Canada and we as the North American Baptist General Conference joined to work in harmonious cooperation. Now the relief has been pouring into Germany in volumes never before experienced or even imagined. Think what it must have meant to those without the necessary clothing to receive in that one shipment more than eleven hundred bales of clothing, each bale weighing about

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# Fifty-five Full Time Students at the Seminary

An Encouraging Report About the Opening of the New Seminary Year  
by Dr. GEORGE A. LANG, President

THE NEW SCHOOL year for the North American Baptist Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., began on Friday, September 10. Enrollment and short class periods were the special activities for that day. The regular schedule with full-time classes commenced with Monday, September 13.

Appel of the Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Leon Bill of the Calvary Church, Stafford, Kansas; George W. Breitzkreuz of the Springside Church, Springside, Sask.; William Effa of the Fonehill Church, Yorkton, Sask.; Harold P. Faba of the Temple Church, Buffalo, N. Y.; Harold R. Heins of the First Baptist Church,

Tyndall, So. Dak.; Kirby R. Wahl of the Baptist Church, McClusky, No. Dakota.

These new students were welcomed at the opening convocation in the chapel of the Seminary on Thursday evening, September 16. Fitting words were spoken by Alvin Wetter, president of the student body; by Rev. O. E. Krueger, pastor of the Andrews St. Baptist Church; and by Dr. Paul J. Trudel, chairman of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Albert S. Felberg and



Twelve of the Fourteen New Students at the North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester, New York.

Before the end of the week all the students were present.

We are happy to have another large entering class. There are fourteen students in number. Six of our nine conferences are represented. One half of the class comes from Canada, and the other half from the United States.

We are pleased to present the names and the church membership of those in this new class. They are: Sam

Arnprior, Ont.; Rubin Herrmann of the First Baptist Church, Hilda, Alta.; Walter Hoffman of the Grace Church, Medicine Hat, Alta.; Edwin Kern of the Wiesenthal Church near Millet, Alta.; Robert L. Langdon with his wife of the First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mich.; Edward Oster with his wife of the First Baptist Church, La Salle, Colo.; Arnold Rapske of the Emmanuel Church, Morris, Man.; Edwin F. Voigt of the Tyndall Church,

## THE REFRESHING SPRINGS OF GOD'S WORD

At the close of his address to the Seminary students on Sept. 16, Dr. T. W. Bender in speaking an "The Christian Deviant," quoted the words of Professor Karl Heim at Tübingen, Germany which were given as counsel to the students of that school.

"Put aside, for the time being, all books of fiction and magazines and give yourselves a chance to be surprised by the refreshing springs of the Word of God. Be satisfied to be uninformed in non-essentials (unessentials) if you

have not yet laid this foundation of your education.

"You will find that you will no longer read through the Word of God but you will pray through it. God's Word will echo in your heart as you journey in the cold intellectual regions of lectures and in the midst of the conversations at mealtimes. Thus you will discover God's Word to be the eternal foundation tone to which all music of the earth must return, and to be the measure of all things with which you may come in contact."

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Nov. 28!

wife were also presented to the large audience and were fittingly welcomed. Dr. Felberg is teaching courses in Old Testament Evangelism, Missions and German.

Dr. T. W. Bender gave a most challenging address on the intriguing subject, "The Christian Deviant." The announcement was made at this service that the Rev. Roger Schmidt, graduate of the class of 1948, and at present a student at the Eastman School of Music, was appointed by the faculty as instructor in music and director of the Glee Club for this school year.

An informal reception with refreshments was held immediately after the service in the dining room of the Seminary. The faculty wives served as hostesses with Mrs. T. W. Bender in charge. This occasion was enhanced by the presence of our genial promotional secretary, Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, and our returning missionaries to the Cameroons, Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ahrens. The latter addressed the large audience, telling of their experiences in Africa by means of pictures.

The Seminary has fifty-five full-time students enrolled, all of whom are very promising. During the chapel service of the first week, these gave brief accounts of their services for the Lord during the summer months. Words of appreciation and praise to God and our people were expressed. With new vigor and purpose the student body returned to their studies. May the Lord bless them and our churches whom we all seek to serve!

# An Unusual Year for the Seminary

By the REV. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER of Forest Park, Illinois

OUR SEMINARY in Rochester, N. Y., has embarked on the most unusual year in its history. Whether it will also be the most wonderful year will depend on unfolding developments. But there are good reasons to believe that God will impart unique blessings to our "school of the prophets" and so match the unusual features that have already characterized the opening school days so auspiciously.

The 1948-1949 school term will be the last year of the Seminary's residence in Rochester. Plans are now being made for the definite relocation of the school to Sioux Falls, South Dakota by September 1949 regardless of the progress that will have been made on the new buildings. It will be difficult for students, faculty and alumni to think of the school's departure from the city of culture and beauty at Rochester with all the heart-warming associations with the "Heimat." But the decisive step has been taken, and, God willing, the relocation will be an actuality a year from now. This last term at Rochester will be a colorful year to remember!

## CENTENARY JUBILEE

Another unusual item in the Seminary's ministry is the approach to the school's one hundredth anniversary. "This term is the ninety-ninth school year in the Seminary's existence as an institution," as reported by Dr. George A. Lang, president, at the formal opening service. At the 1949 General Conference to be held at Sioux Falls, South Dakota,

the Centenary Jubilee of the Seminary will be anticipated with several important anniversary features. As the school prepares to leave the city of Rochester, it will certainly be highly interesting to evaluate the rich history of the school over the past century.

There is already great rejoicing over the steady increase in the seminary's enrollment. This year is already unusual in that the student body of 55 full-time students compares most favorably with that of any year during the past decade or so. A promising new class of 14 young men has heightened the sense of joy for the Seminary's leaders. Graduation classes of fifteen or more young men trained to serve our pastorless churches are again the hopeful prospect for the future.

## TEACHING STAFF

The Seminary faculty is being strengthened. Dr. Albert S. Felberg, formerly pastor of our church at Lodi, California, has begun his ministry as the fifth Seminary teacher with great eagerness. Students speak highly of all their teachers. Dr. George A. Lang is giving the school an energetic leadership as its president. Dr. Thorwald W. Bender showed his intellectual brilliance and his spiritual profundity at the opening exercises of the Seminary on Thursday evening, Sept. 9, as he spoke on "The Christian Deviant." That message will be published in the November 1 and 15 issues.

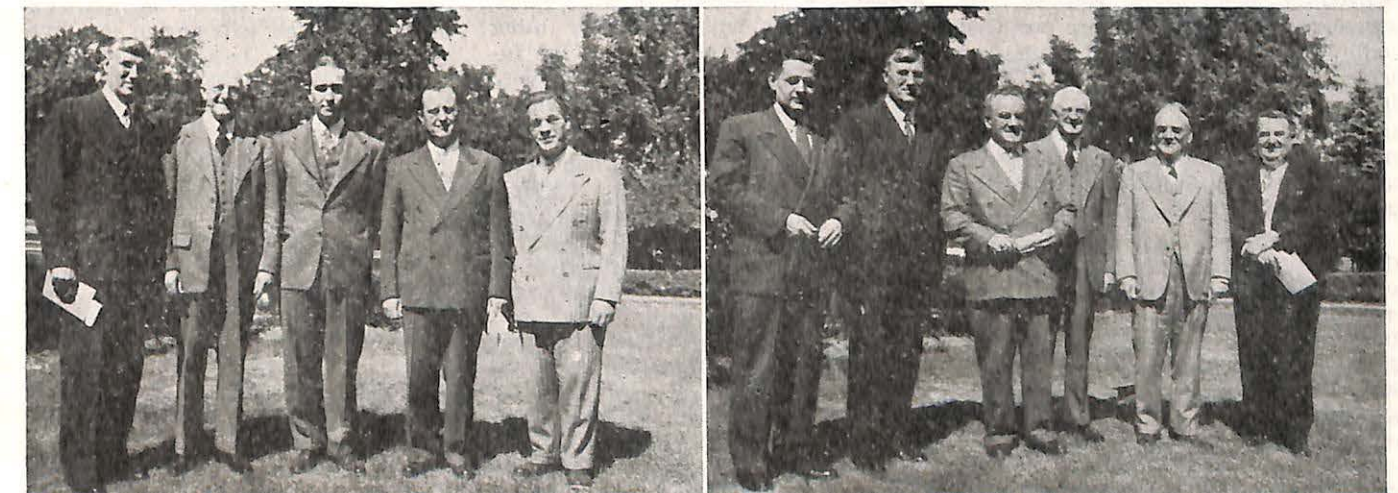
The spirit of the school is quickly sensed by any visitor to the familiar

halls. A confidence in the school's leadership and a faith in the great possibilities of these men soon overwhelm one. During a recent stay of several days at the Seminary, the editor attended a missionary session at which our Cameroons missionaries, Earl and Lois Ahrens, addressed the students. The response of the young men to the missionary challenge was spontaneous and enthusiastic.

## BUILDING PROJECT

The new building project will soon be under way. On Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 28, the ground breaking exercises were held on a warm autumn afternoon in Sioux Falls before a festive audience of 225 people as the shovels of earth were turned over and the place was dedicated unto the Lord. A more detailed report with several pictures is now being prepared for the November 15th number. Motion pictures in color were taken of the event to be shown in our churches. It is hoped that the building contract can be signed by the building committee before the close of October so that the foundations can be laid this Fall and the work can be definitely launched. History is in the making, and that is another unusual chapter in the story of our Seminary.

God's blessings are always unusual for any individual or institution when there is sufficient faith to receive them. That outreach of faith unto new and greater things has taken hold of the Seminary, so that we can believe that for our "school of the prophets" the best is yet to be!



Faculty of the North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester, N. Y. (Left), With the Reverends George A. Lang (Left to Right), A. Bretschneider, R. P. Jeschke, A. S. Felberg and T. W. Bender; and the Executive Committee of the Seminary Board (Right) With Rev. George Zinz, Jr., (Left to Right), President George A. Lang, Dr. Paul J. Trudel, Prof. A. Bretschneider, Mr. John A. Zurn and Rev. A. R. Bernadt.

# Greater Zeal for the Lord Jesus Christ

The Testimonies of Students of Our Seminary at Rochester, New York  
as They Review Their Experiences of the Past Summer

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE IN THE SOUTH

By MR. LAWRENCE DE BOER,  
Seminary Student.

"I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation" (Rom. 1:16). These words take on new meaning when one observes how the "leaven of the Gospel" does work in human hearts. And what a blessing it is for anyone to know that he is chosen of God to be a channel through which that great power is to flow! This was my happy experience as I worked in the Southern Conference during the past summer.

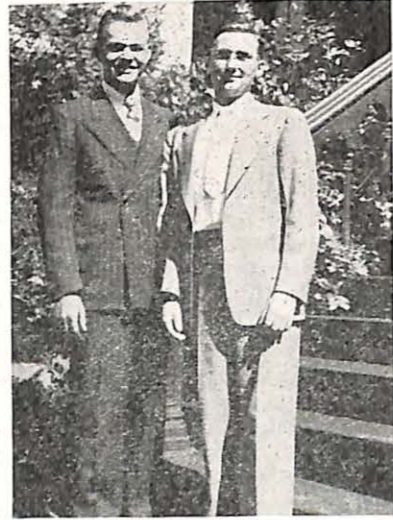
To what other power can one attribute the spirit of fellowship which was felt as soon as I met the people of our Southern Conference churches? You may have heard of Southern hospitality but you cannot understand it until you have experienced its reality.

What other power can overtake the powers of darkness and bring children to the saving knowledge of the Son of God? How great is the joy of leading children to salvation in Christ.

No other power at work in the hearts of young people could cause them to deny themselves and consecrate their lives to the work of the Kingdom of God. The consecration service at the Young People's Encampment was one of the highlights of this past summer's experiences.

Words of Paul adequately express my gratitude to the people of the Southern Conference. "We give thanks to God always for you all, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." And I pray that "the Gospel came to you not only in word but also in power and in the Holy Spirit, and with full conviction" (1 Thess. 1:2-4).

Well might we as summer workers thank God for opportunities of service which we have had through the agencies of the Youth Service Plan. It gives us who are in preparation for future full-time service in Christ's Kingdom a glimpse of what the future shall demand of us. Through these observations we can give our preparation the proper perspective. Therefore, my thanks goes to those who have supported this Youth Service program. I know that through it we shall be better servants of God and of his people.



Lawrence De Boer (Left) and Herbert Schauer (Right), Seminary Students Who Spent the Summer Months Serving the Southern Conference Churches.

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES IN THE SOUTH

By MR. HERBERT SCHAUER,  
Seminary Student.

One of the highlights of a student's years of preparation is the actual experience he receives during his summer vacation. God opens doors to us, if we really seek opportunities for service. The kindness shown by the people of our Southern Conference will always be remembered by those students who have spent their summers there.

We opened our Vacation Bible School in Dallas, Texas on May 31st. It was a pleasure working with Mrs. Elliot, the superintendent, and the other teachers. I enjoyed teaching the Intermediate group, the age-group with which I worked in all the Bible schools this summer.

The next Bible school was conducted at the Cottonwood Baptist Church, where we had an enrollment of more than a hundred before the end of the school. One could not help but marvel at all the willing workers eager to help in conducting the school. We were all very happy for one pupil who made a decision for Christ during these days.

It was also a pleasure to work with the Crawford group. What a thrill it was to see eight of the pupils give their hearts to the Lord at the pastor's invitation on the last day of the school!

I certainly praise God for the opportunity of conducting special meetings. God was with us in a wonder-

ful way at the Elm Creek Church. Our congregations were comparatively small, but the spirit of the group made up for the lack of numbers.

The grace of God was also revealed in a wonderful way during the week of meetings at Gatesville, when four decisions were made for Christ. Again the spirit of Christ was permitted to work because of consecrated church members.

The summer work ended with two weeks spent at the Hurnville Church near Henrietta, Texas. The first week we had a Study Course on the life of Paul and during the second week we had special meetings. The faithfulness and cooperation shown by the people was an encouragement and an inspiration for one who is still a beginner in the work.

The talent found among the Southern Conference young people at the Encampment would make any such gathering a success. In spite of the great heat, many blessings were poured out during the week of the conference at Crawford.

I am certainly grateful for the Youth Service Plan and, above all, to our Lord for the experiences of the past summer. I was made to realize again how necessary it is that we "study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15).

## A SUMMER PASTORATE AT GILLETT, WISCONSIN

By MR. RUDOLPH RAPSKE,  
Seminary Student.

As students we always look forward with great anticipation to new experiences which will enrich our lives and equip us in a better way to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to men and women everywhere. Such an experience was ours during the summer months.

The work that Mrs. Rapske and I were privileged to do was of an altogether different nature to that which we had done in previous years. To work together with a pastor is quite different from taking complete charge of a church. It was, indeed, a great joy to serve the church in Gillett, Wisconsin during the summer months.

We entered the work with the words of the Apostle Paul to Timothy, "I thank him that enabled me, even Christ Jesus our Lord, for that he counted me faithful appointing me to his service..." This fact of being servants of Christ was impressed in-

delibly upon our minds and hearts. The service of Christ gave us a vision of the great task which lies before us.

It was a great source of joy and inspiration to stand before a congregation of people who had come with a desire to enter into a closer fellowship with Christ. The sincerity, love and devotion manifested by them for Christ and his cause spurred us on to serve him with greater zeal and enthusiasm. The greatest moments, which led us into a deeper understanding of God, were those that we spent together every Wednesday evening in the study of his Word and especially as we knelt in prayer before the Throne of Grace.

We are grateful to the Youth Service Plan for making it possible to spend the summer in Gillett. May God bless those who have spent much time in planning and executing such a program! We also extend our heartfelt appreciation and thanks to the members of the Gillett Church for the manner in which they took us into their hearts and homes, for the true Christian love which they manifested to us, both spiritually and materially. Since we were sent to serve, our prayer is that in a small way we may have accomplished that purpose.

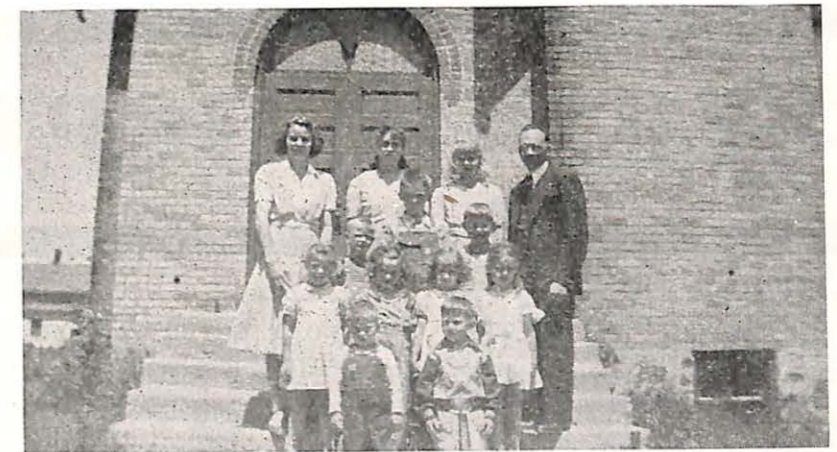
## SERVING THE LORD IN KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS

By MR. and MRS. E. A. HOFFMANN,  
Seminary Students.

"Ye that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God, praise the Lord; for the Lord is good: sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant."

This is certainly our testimony. We have experienced this summer that to serve the Lord in his house and to worship with his people are a most pleasant privilege.

It was, however, with mixed feelings both of fear and joy in our hearts that we neared Kankakee, Ill., last June to take upon ourselves the



Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Rapske (Right and Left) With Some of the Vacation Bible School Children on the Steps of the Baptist Church, Gillett, Wisconsin.

duties of a pastorate. Fear came upon us because just ahead was the unknown, full of experiences and tasks entirely new. Nevertheless, it was overshadowed by a deep joy in knowing we were to do the Lord's work. And inaudible prayers ascended asking God to bless our efforts and give us strength and courage to meet every task.

Our fears soon became lessened on our arrival in the home of the pastor, the Rev. Frederick Lower, and his family. Before the first evening was far spent we were no longer strangers. It is certainly true that Christian love and fellowship break down all barriers.

The hearty welcome we received from the church is an experience which will long linger in our memories. The friendliness and love with which the people met us banished every trace of fear that had remained.

Our first duty was to help in the Vacation Bible School. We were deeply thankful for the wonderful cooperation of the Sunday School in this project. Each department was well supplied with teachers and helpers and thus our work was made

lighter and more pleasant. It was our joy to teach the children for two weeks. We realized the sacred task entrusted to us in bringing to these little ones the love of the Lord and in teaching them how to walk and talk as Christians ought.

The closing program of the Bible School was unique and yet most impressive. In this service we combined our closing exercises with a dedication service for babies and their parents. We all felt the great need of consecrated homes, where children grow up, taught to love the Lord and to give their lives to him.

We greatly treasure the opportunities that were ours in proclaiming God's Word on Sundays and in the mid-week prayer services. Our hearts were warmed by the spirit that was made manifest among the people both by attending so faithfully and in their response to the Gospel message. The Lord blessed us greatly also in this phase of the work.

Outstanding days in Kankakee were those we spent visiting the aged and sick. Truly, we went to them intending to comfort, and left being ourselves strengthened by the faith of these saints of God.



The Large 1948-1949 Student Body of the North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester, N. Y. (Left); and the Attractive Wives of the Seminary Students Who Are Enrolled as Part-time or Full-time Students at the School.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. Herbert L. Koch of Manitou Springs, Colorado has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church of Florence, Colorado, a church of the Northern Baptist Convention. This church is self-supporting and has a substantial church building and parsonage. Mr. Koch was formerly a pastor in the North American Baptist General Conference. His new address is 222 East Second Street, Florence, Colorado.

● On Sunday, Sept. 26, the First Baptist Church of Venturia, No. Dak., held its mission festival. A very large crowd was present at all services to receive the blessings of the day. The Rev. F. Alf of Streeter, No. Dak., was the guest speaker. The male and ladies' chorus of the church rendered special selections. An offering of \$6048.74 was placed on God's altar, as reported by the Rev. C. T. Rempel, pastor.

● The Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis., has purchased five lots at the corner of 39th Avenue and 64th Street in Kenosha to be used as a site for a new church building, as reported in the church monthly paper, "Immanuel Baptist News," ably edited by its pastor, Rev. North E. West. The Rally Day program was held by the Sunday School on Sept. 26. The annual Fall Festival was observed on Sunday, Oct. 10, with missionary pictures featured at the evening service.

● Evangelistic meetings were held at the Central Baptist Church of George, Iowa from Oct. 3 to 8 with the Rev. Benjamin De Long of Glen Ellyn, Ill., as evangelist. Miss Alvina Berg of Marian, So. Dak., served with special music on the marimba, saxophone, accordion and piano. At the Rally Day service, the attendance of 173 in the Sunday School was the largest since the Rev. Ray Allen has come to the church as pastor in July 1945. The Sunday School superintendent is Mr. Carl Dreesman.

● On Sunday, Sept. 26, the White Ave. Church of Cleveland, Ohio observed its annual Rally Day with a fine attendance at all the services. Seventeen new members have been received into the church since the Rev. Paul F. Zoschke became pastor on Feb. 1, 1948. Eleven of these have been received by baptism. A visitation campaign is being planned for the near future. From Sunday, Oct.

## FRONT COVER PICTURE

Before sailing for Africa, Mrs. Lois Ahrens, Missionary, was given a wonderful accordion by the young people of the Baptist Church at Lorraine, Kansas. This special gift was approved by the general missionary secretary since it will help Mrs. Ahrens on the mission field.

In the front cover picture, taken by the editor, she is eagerly playing her accordion with the waters of Denton Lake, N. Y., and the forested grounds of the Atlantic Conference young people's assembly camp as a picturesque background.

17, to Tuesday, Oct. 19, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, visited the church with messages and the showing of the latest denominational and missionary pictures.

● A number of guest speakers have filled the pulpit of the Baptist Church of Emery, South Dakota in recent weeks. On Sunday, Oct. 3, Rally Day was observed and Dr. Ernest E. Smith, president of Sioux Falls College, preached at both services. On Sunday morning, Oct. 10, Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, appointee to the Camerons' as our medical missionary, brought the message. On Sunday, Oct. 17, the church held its Harvest Festival with the Rev. Frank H. Woyke as the guest speaker. The church will hold revival meetings from Nov. 7 to 19 with the Rev. Henry Pfeifer as the evangelist. The Rev. D. S. Wipf is the pastor.

● On Sept. 23 Mrs. E. R. Kampfer of Chicago, Ill., was honored by the Chicago Baptist Association and the Aiken Institute Board for her services during the past 19 years as director of the Aiken Institute, a renowned Baptist Social Settlement House in Chicago. Mrs. Kampfer, a daughter of the late Rev. Henry Kose, served as city missionary in Cleveland, Ohio, and after her marriage to Mr. George Kampfer, worked with him in Assam on the Baptist mission field. When asked what meant most to her in her work, Mrs. Kampfer replied: "People! My greatest satisfaction is found in talking to people, talking of their problems and how to find their way to God."

● The Plum Creek Church near Emery, So. Dak., held its Harvest and Mission Festival in September with a display of home grown fruits and vegetables as well as baskets of Fall flowers. The program by the Sunday School classes was followed with an address by Rev. D. Breaw, neighboring pastor of the Evangelical church. The offering for the church's building fund was \$396.18. At the musical program in the evening the offering for European relief was \$322.33. The church now has a list of over 150 European families to whom "Gift Boxes" of food and clothing are sent. The pastor, Rev. G. W. Rutsch, baptized 10 young people on confession of their faith in Christ at a service held on the shores of Hansen Lake in June.

● On Sunday evening, Sept. 5, the Central Valley Baptist Church of Donna, Texas held an ordination service for Mr. B. F. Taylor, a member of the church and a student at the Bible Institute of Dallas, Texas. The ordination sermon was brought by Rev. M. C. Ehlert, president of the Rio Grande Bible Institute, Edinburg, Texas. The charge to the candidate was given by his pastor, Rev. R. C. Mulder, and the charge to the church by Rev. T. Lott of Mission, Texas, who also offered the ordination prayer. Mr. Lawrence Terveen served as the clerk of the ordination council. The Rev. B. F. Taylor is serving as the pastor of the Henderson Community Church, Fort Worth, Texas.

● The dedication of the new edifice of the First Baptist Church of Linton, No. Dak., was held on Sunday, Aug. 22, with Rev. Lawrence Michelson of Stanley, No. Dak., and Rev. A. Bibelheimer of Drake, No. Dak., serving as guest speakers. The farewell reception for the Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Wilcke was held by the church on Sunday evening, Sept. 5, with the Rev. C. T. Rempel of Venturia bringing the message. The church welcomed its new pastor, Rev. A. Huber, and his family on Sunday evening, Sept. 19. The Rev. A. Bibelheimer, a close friend of Mr. Huber, was in charge of the service. "A wonderful spirit prevailed," as reported by Mrs. Gottlieb Kremer, "and members and friends alike were agreed that it was a blessed time and one long to be remembered."

● The Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., extended its welcome to

the Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Wilcke and family on Sunday evening, Sept. 12. Hearty greetings were brought by Mr. Fred Stabbert for the board of deacons, Mrs. Fred Klapstein for the Woman's Missionary Society, Mr. Henry Schmunk in behalf of the Sunday School, Miss Shirley Morgan for the young people's society and Dr. J. F. Olthoff in behalf of the Portland Avenue Chapel. Musical selections were rendered by the choir, trumpet soloist, ladies' trio, and male quartet. Mrs. Vera Heritage spoke on "Your Pastor and Mine." Elsie Blaudau brought the poem, "Our Pastor," and Lucy Ahrens gave the reading, "Prayer for My Pastor." Mr. Otto Stolz, chairman of the executive committee, was in charge of the memorable and happy service that launched the ministry of the Rev. H. J. Wilcke so auspiciously in Tacoma's Calvary Church.

● The First Baptist and Calvary Baptist Churches of Killaloe, Ontario, Canada held special services on Sunday and Monday, Oct. 3 and 4, with the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, speaking and showing missionary pictures to large audiences. The mortgage papers, with the last encumbrance against the building of the First Church removed, were burned at the Sunday morning service. The offering for the Camerons' Nurses' Training Project on Monday evening amounted to \$68.15. On Sunday, Oct. 17, the Rev. Carl Weisser of Killaloe and the Rev. A. Stelter of Arnprior exchanged pulpits. The Calvary Church steeple has a sound system with chimes installed which is played before and after church services to the great delight and blessing of the surrounding Killaloe community.

● On Sunday, August 15, the Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., dedicated its church and for the first time held services in the new edifice. The Rev. Frank Woyke of Forest Park, Illinois was the main speaker of the day. Those participating in the afternoon service from other churches were: Rev. W. W. Knauf, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif.; Mr. A. A. Auch in behalf of the First Baptist Church of Lodi; Rev. Elmer Zachay, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Blythe, California, former assistant pastor of the Lodi church; Rev. Frank Woyke, executive secretary of the denomination. A very fine building has been erected, although the main auditorium of the church cannot be built at this time. A more detailed report and picture will be published in a later issue. Dr. A. Harms, formerly of Detroit, Mich., served as interim pastor, and the new minister, Rev. Arthur Weisser, formerly of Wishek, No. Dak., began his pastorate in Lodi on Sunday, Oct. 10.

## New Requirements for Club Plan

An Encouraging Announcement About the Club Plan of the Publication Society by the REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER, Business Manager

THE CLUB PLAN is an arrangement between the Publishing House of the North American Baptist General Conference and local churches whereby "The Baptist Herald" is made available for \$1.60 per year instead of the regular price of \$2.00 and "Der Sendbote" is made available for \$2.50 instead of the regular price of \$3.00. To obtain this reduction in prices, two requirements are necessary.

1. The Church must enlist at least seventy-five percent of its families and individuals who have no such family connections, as readers of either "The Baptist Herald" or "Der Sendbote."

2. The church clerk must sign a certificate on which the total number of families and individuals is listed and the total number of subscriptions. Any church which attains seventy-five percent can become a member of the Club Plan and thus obtain the lower subscription rates.

The purpose of the Club Plan is to provide a wide distribution and reading of our denominational periodicals. The importance of reading these papers for their informational, educational and inspirational value is paramount. It is only through the reading of our denominational papers that the denomination itself becomes conscious of the widespread and intensive work that is being done. The pages of our publications constantly bring an appeal and a challenge to do this work to the best of our ability for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

Further, our publications serve as a medium of exchange and a bond which tie our churches together. We know each other better when we read our publications. Reading our publications and learning of others will always strengthen the purpose we carry in our own heart to serve the church and our Master.

Finally, our publications attempt first and foremost to bring something which is definitely spiritual. As a denomination we are built on those spiritual realities as given to us in God's holy Word and our publications endeavor to reflect or to bring directly, in truth and spirit, these realities. In view of these facts, it should be

**ONLY 75 PERCENT**  
of the total number of families and individuals in your church are now needed to qualify your church for the Club Plan! Read this important announcement!

readily understood that our people need to read the publications of the North American Baptist General Conference. The Club Plan is the arrangement that seeks to make it possible for all of our members to become readers.

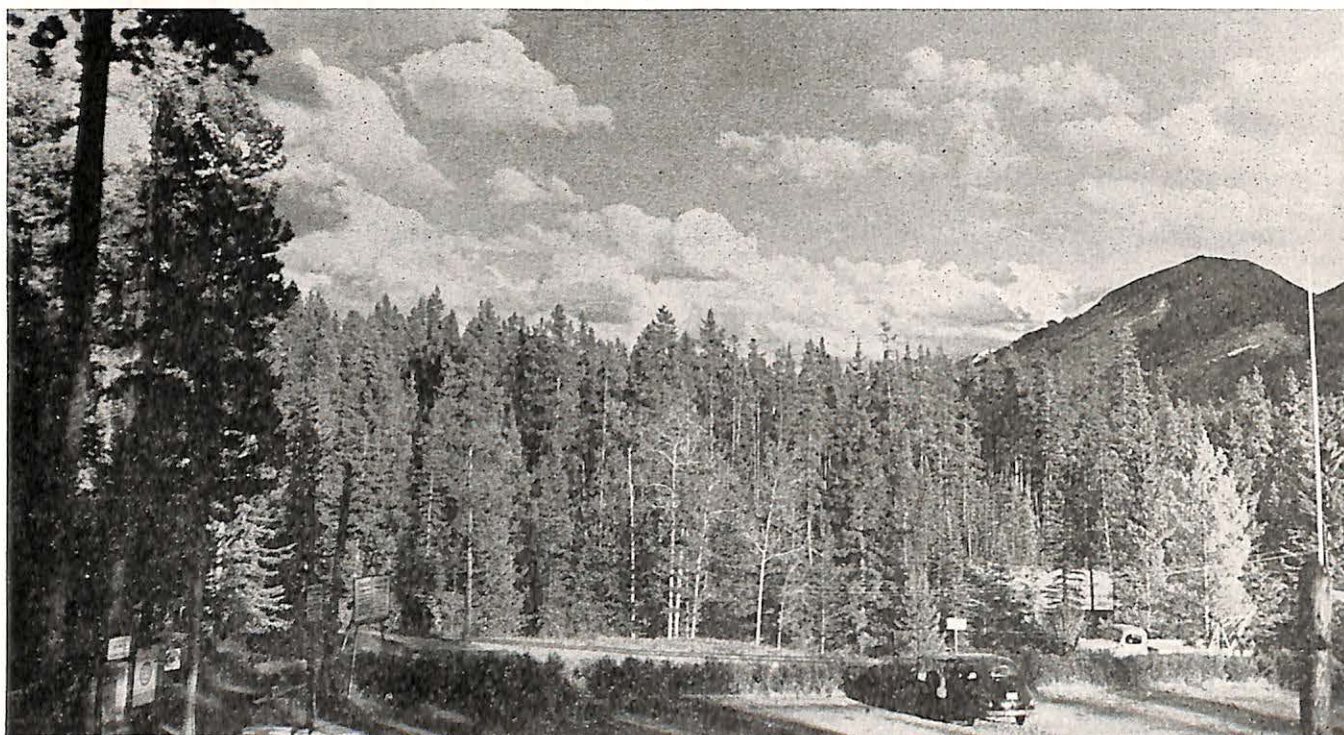
A brief word about the cost of this Plan. When a publication costs \$2.00 per year and is then offered for \$1.60 it is apparent that somewhere the \$40 must be made up. For several years now the denomination has subsidized the Roger Williams Press. The greatest share of this subsidy was used to make this Club Plan possible. Up to this time, ninety percent of the families and individuals were required for membership in the Club Plan. It now has been decreased. It is sincerely hoped that many churches that found the ninety percent too high will become members.

To date, 174 of our churches belong to the Plan. It would indeed be a wonderful experience if within the next few months all of our churches would become members. It is also a fact that the more subscriptions that each church obtains over and above the seventy-five percent, that much less it will cost to publish "The Baptist Herald" and "Sendbote."

Since the reading of the denominational publications is of such great importance and since the doors are now open for a wider participation in the Club Plan, may I make this appeal to our churches. Will you try this year to do the following:

If your church is in the Club Plan, will you try to raise the percentage of subscribers? For example, if you had ninety percent last year, will you try for ninety-five percent this year. If your church has not been a member of the Club Plan, will you try to enlist the church for the idea and then obtain as many as possible over the seventy-five percent requirement? Every subscription counts. The more we get that much more good will be done and that much more less the cost.

Dr. Leuschner has indeed given us a splendid goal in the October 15th "Baptist Herald" when he suggests that "The Baptist Herald" or "Der Sendbote" should be in each North American Baptist home. There should be at least 1,000 new subscriptions to the "Baptist Herald." May all of us be led by divine wisdom and motivated with a God-given spiritual power as we bring this important matter to the attention of ourselves and the churches.



—Photo by Herman Siemund

Forests of Trees Can Be Seen on the Way to Paradise Valley on the Slopes of Mount Rainier, Washington.

# Cloud Across the Sun

A Novel by G. FRANKLIN ALLEE  
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## SYNOPSIS

Larry Brantwell, a famous radio announcer and singer, was told by the doctor that he was through with his radio career because of a bad throat condition. All that the doctor could further suggest was to get out-of-doors, to go logging in the Northwest country. It wasn't long before Larry was on his way to the white-capped Olympics in Washington to begin life all over again at Camp One, of which Big Jim Rand, a bold dynamic leader, was foreman. It seemed as if labor troubles were brewing at the camp. Larry was transferred to the yarding crew and working with Dean Carlyle when an accident occurred that nearly cost Larry his life. Dean had purposely caused the accident. Rand was blazing angry at Dean as he came to Larry's rescue. A truck driver, known as a "donkey puncher," asked Rand whether he had caught the scoundrel.

## CHAPTER THREE

"WHATSA matter? I didn't think a guy of his build could outrun you, Jim," the donkey puncher remarked.

"I took a tumble when I didn't see a cable, and he got into his car and made off. I was afraid that he might be one of that outfit, when Farmer brought him in. Intended to stay close around and keep an eye on him, but had to go away for a few minutes, and then he got his chance."

"I was afraid of him, too," the puncher said. "I'd been watching pretty close all the time, but when they started in up here I couldn't see

what was goin' on. Guess I should have been on my toes a little more. He could have killed two men there as easy as not!"

"None of your fault. It's that dirty Hill outfit again, I suppose. They'll probably get some more of our men yet."

Larry, weak and dizzy from pain and loss of blood, although they had managed to stanch the bleeding, kept close to Dean as the loggers carried him toward the truck on a hastily constructed stretcher of poles. Despite his own pain and weakness, Rand's attitude was so intriguing that Larry kept in position to watch his face. The boy was suffering intensely. Every movement of the litter, every jarring footstep of the bearers shot daggers of pain through his crushed leg. But the pain he was undergoing was reflected less upon his own face than upon the foreman's, who winced at every jar of the crude litter. The ground was rough, and when one of the men stepped through a heap of boughs and into a hole, jerking the litter, Jim's face blanched as if the pain inflicted on the boy was his own. As he addressed Dean his voice had the kindness of a tender-hearted father, but when he spoke to the hap-

less trucker who made the misstep, his voice was sharp and stinging.

As he lay in the hospital at Sheldon that week, Larry had ample opportunity to think over the near-tragedy and the strange words of the loggers regarding it. Evidently, they were living and working under the shadow of a great fear, the belief that some individual, group or corporation — that would stop at nothing, not even murder — was endeavoring to drive the men away and thus hinder the operations.

But the thing that puzzled Larry more than this, more even than the fear that had lain unmasked in Big Jim's eyes, was his tenderness, the depth of his sympathy for the injured boy, the sincere interest he had in those who worked under him, and which he had allowed to be exposed during the trying hour of the accident. It was much at variance with the bold hardness usually manifested by the foreman, a boldness and hardness that under sharp observation came to appear as bravado, a shield to cover some inherent timidity, some natural fear. There could be no doubt about it, Big Jim Rand was not the hard, cold-blooded logging boss

he evidently wanted his men to believe him to be.

Rested from the strenuous labor of the past month, and somewhat recovered from shock and loss of blood, Larry began to grow restless and uneasy before the week was ended. Time to think gave him opportunity to remember. As he remembered, his great disappointment and defeat came to trouble him again. His throat, which had been much improved recently, felt dry and constricted, and needle-sharp pains stabbed him with unpleasant regularity. Another thing that began troubling him anew was the thought of Lorraine. He had begun to believe this problem settled, but now it was back again.

He saw her likeness a dozen times a day. The brown eyes of one of his nurses were like hers. Another's voice and laughter bore such a close resemblance to hers that to hear her in the hall was to experience a painful thrill. A visitor came to call on the other patient in his room, and when he awakened to see her standing with her face silhouetted against the window, the similarity was so striking that he could scarcely restrain an impulse to call out her name. There was the same line to her shoulders, the same dark hair, done in its attractive style, the identical tilt to her pretty head. When she turned to leave, Larry closed his eyes to keep the image and retain her in his memory.

Dean had been taken to Tacoma, where better facilities were available to care for his crushed leg. Jim came in Friday evening, and from him Larry gleaned the information that the boy was not doing as well as they had expected, and that they had virtually given up hope of saving his leg. As the foreman revealed this, the old flame of anger Larry had noted there the day of the accident flared in his eyes, while around his lips the lines of fear drew taut and rigid.

Larry was released from the hospital the following Monday, but was required to take a room in a hotel where he could be under the doctor's surveillance. His arm pained him steadily through the nights, and there was a dull numbness in it when the pain eased. The severing of a nerve may have been responsible for this, but he was not yet strong enough to take up his heavy task. With nothing to do but read and take occasional walks about town, he soon found time hanging on his hands. There was too much time in which to remember, too much opportunity to brood and grow restless.

To pass the time he formed the habit of dropping in at the library every day, where he found a well-selected list of biographies and travel books. As the days passed, his visits there became more protracted. It

was interesting to sit in a quiet corner, sheltered behind the cover of a good book, and watch a cross section of the town folk come and go. There were the irrepressibles from the grade schools, giggling and tittering. The high-school students came stringing in after dismissal each day, the girls exhibiting the latest fad, the boys awkward, boisterous, slouchy and with a juvenile uneasiness which they endeavored to cover with a swaggering care-for-nothing attitude.

An old man, wearing a little goatee, and propelled with the aid of a stout cane, came in every day promptly at two-thirty, went directly to the big dictionary on the stand and began a careful search of its pages. After a half-hour or more of this, he would hobble out mumbling some word of many syllables. Curiosity overcame Larry one day and he asked the girl at the desk, "Why does that old man come in like that every day?"

"That's 'Wordy' Jenkins, the man with the greatest vocabulary in town. You'll probably find him down on the street corner almost any time this evening if it's good weather, lecturing to whomever he can get to listen to him on the advantage of knowing the English language. He comes up here to learn a new word almost every day, so that he can use it to confound his audience," the girl said, smiling.

"And is that what he's muttering when he goes out?"

"Yes, that is it. I happened to catch the word he got today. It was *sesquipedalian*."

"What a mouthful! That would just about make a fellow stoop-shouldered carrying it around. Do you know what it means?"

"I was just looking it up," she said. "Can't let the old boy get too much of a start on me; he's likely to come in almost any day and pull it on us. Here it is."

Larry glanced down to the line she indicated and read, "Measuring a foot and a half; applied to long words." He said, "I should think it would! It comes near filling the bill itself."

She laughed softly, giving him a sidelong glance, and said, "Well, I'm ready if Wordy ever pulls that one on me."

From then on he came to watch for the old man's daily visit, sometimes posting himself where he could catch the latest word he was adding to his vocabulary. One afternoon as he was about to leave, a tall gray-haired man of possibly fifty or fifty-five, well dressed and moving with quick, energetic steps, came in. The man's appearance arrested his immediate attention and caused him to settle back into his chair again. His eyes were piercing black, his shoulders straight and square.

There was something about him that seemed strikingly familiar to

Larry. What it was he could not make out, yet when he was gone it was as though some former acquaintance had passed before his eyes and gone hurriedly away. He remembered the quick smile the stranger had flung at the library attendant, a smile which for a moment had erased the lines about his eyes, the decisiveness of his movements, the gentleness of his attitude. "Possibly some M.D. I've seen at the hospital," he thought, dismissing it from his mind as he walked toward his hotel. But he again found himself calling to mind the strange and puzzling familiarity of the man's face as he sat in his room and watched the mountain peaks grow pink and then crimson, until they finally faded from view in the twilight.

In the moderate zone of the Pacific Northwest, which is warmed by the Japanese Current, springtime is no abrupt transformation. There is no season of disappearing snow and ice, no sudden appearance of the brown earth, of the feathered songsters from the Southland, and of the sweetness of spring flowers, such as is seen in the colder climates. It is a gradual and almost imperceptible change. The grass grows a bit greener; trees, other than the evergreens, bud and leaf; a new note is heard among the feathered tribe; there is a gradual climbing of the snow line along the mountainsides. There is less rain—which comes now in sudden showers, interspersed with warm sunlight, instead of the long steady drizzle of winter.

Sheldon is a busy little city, spread around the point of a long, narrow bay. The scream of saws from the big sawmill mingles with the throbbing sound of the pulpmill machinery, as though endeavoring to drown out the rumbling of the huge log trucks which roll in a constant stream along the streets. A branch railroad runs westward to contact the logging operation on the south and west slopes of the Olympics, and makes a one-sided street of the main business avenue. Not far away are the famed Olympic oyster beds, which pour a constant stream of wealth into the town.

Larry found himself engrossed in watching the busy industrial life of the community, but he seldom ventured out upon the streets in the late evening. His reason for this did not lie alone in the fact that the cool evening air caused his arm to ache. But the sight of drunken men and women, the constant exhibition of fisticuffs by half-drunk loggers and mill workers, and the stench emanating from the numerous taverns that did a thriving business at these hours — these were obnoxious to his senses, arousing in him at times a contempt near hatred toward those who profited by the debauchery of their fellow man.



His employer, Sam Reese, stopped in to see him one afternoon and stayed over to have dinner with him that evening. He found Reese to be a likeable fellow, with a keen, alert mind and an attractive personality. Larry had met him in Seattle before he left for the woods, but had been given little opportunity to observe him. Now he had time leisurely to take stock of his characteristics.

His hair was raven black, his eyes only a shade lighter. His face, almost too thin and sharp, was marked with eager, tense lines about his sensitive mouth. But although Sam showed marked evidences of nervousness in his face and mannerisms, Larry could feel the strong determination and eager aggressiveness of his character. In conversation he was sharp and interesting. His keen observations, interjected at just the right moment, together with his clever sense of humor, kept conversation alive and vibrant. But there were times when he seemed to lose awareness of his companion. Then he would bring himself back with what seemed to be a forceful effort of his will. He seemed nervous and worried despite the brightness of his wit and the contagion of his laughter.

Larry finally became aware of the fact that he was being cleverly cross-examined and analyzed. Without making his motive apparent, the young lumberman had drawn from Larry the full story of the accident and his reactions to the incidents surrounding it, together with his impressions of Big Jim and the superintendent.

Mentally chiding himself for his garrulousness, Larry guardedly watched his words, but he had the feeling that Reese was aware of the reason for his sudden reticence, for he immediately steered the conversation away from the subject that seemed such a part of his heart and soul.

"Great timber country, this Olympic Peninsula. It's pretty inaccessible, but there's timber enough here to make a thousand fortunes; yes, ten thousand of them." He was enthusiastic.

"It must be terribly expensive, this hauling it so far by truck. It's a pity you don't have a railroad connection," Larry said.

"Yes, that's our biggest problem—that and the business of getting hold of state-owned timber."

"I was under the impression that you owned your own timber lands."

"We do own what we're cutting now—that is, my mother really owns it. We also have some large tracts of it that we can't get out, it's so far back from the roads, but we have only enough available to carry us for a few weeks longer. In fact,

we're cutting our reserve timber right now. It hasn't been so bad until recently, for the War Department saw to it that we got enough to carry on during the war, but now that they're out of the picture we're in a cross-fire between the state's legal machinery and the federal government's bureaucratic flum-fudgery. The state law says that state-owned timber must be advertised and sold to the highest bidder. But here comes the federal government and places a ceiling on it, and we can't sell above it. So here we are—I bid on a nice lot of spruce and fir, and there's some fine sitka spruce up there, but a fellow by the name of Hill underbids me. At least I think it was he. But of course, I can't really blame him, for the bids were sealed and he didn't know whether anyone else was bidding, or what they were bidding, unless he found it out by some underhanded means. I didn't know what the government's ceiling was, so my bid was too high. But he evidently knew, for he went under it a little."

"And so Hill got the timber you needed?"

"No. No one got it. The state law won't allow the sale of it to anyone other than the highest bidder, and the federal government won't permit them to sell it above the ceiling. So there you are. It lies there tied up, while the public cries for lumber and my camps close for lack of timber. Of course, I'm taking it to the Supreme Court as a test case, but if I'm forced to close down while waiting, I'll lose my crews, my mill hands and my market. In fact, it'll put me on the rocks for keeps. My obligations are too pressing."

Sam toyed nervously with the table silver as he spoke, his dark eyes playing restlessly upon the diners at the tables around them. Larry gained the impression that he was much more worried than he had admitted. He asked, "Is this man Hill ordinarily a competitor of yours?"

"Our interests crossed a few times in past months, but lately he seems to stand at every crossroad I reach. You see, Brantwell, this business is two-thirds my mother's. She had a good manager in charge of it—although he never did much with it—but he died a year ago, just as I came back from Italy where I'd had a little set-to with a jeep, so much so that the Army didn't want me anymore. It seems that Hill and our manager had been somewhat at odds over a little deal, and I'm not too certain who was wrong. Hill's on his way to becoming a big-time lumber king, and he seems determined not to let anything or anyone stand in his way."

"That seems to tie in with what I heard your logging boss say the day of the accident," Larry said, watching Reese closely.

"What was that?"  
"He said something about its being that dirty Hill outfit again."

Larry saw Reese flinch. Then, lowering his head while he busily cut his steak he said, "Rand ought to be more careful with his tongue, but I'm glad to know he feels as loyal to me as he does. He's a hard fellow to understand. Never have been able to see through him."

"He's been an interesting study to me," Larry said.

But he was determined to learn more of the situation and he continued, "Are you personally acquainted with this man Hill?"

"No, I've never met him personally, though I've had a few business dealings with his company. They've always been on the level, and maybe I shouldn't feel as I do. But you know there are some who figure that all's fair in war and business, and we've had so many unexplainable accidents lately—especially since this timber deal came up—that the state's industrial insurance department is riding us pretty hard. Guess I shouldn't tell you this, though, or I'm likely to lose another good man."

They laughed over this, and Larry said, "That's the first good word I've had since Ole Peterson commended me on my sawmanship—I guess that's what you call it."

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**Through Open Doors**

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as there is so much more spent on alcohol and other items, we cannot feel that we have really sacrificed. The Word of God admonishes us: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him."

In order to occupy the land God has promised us, we as North American Baptists need to reach the goal of our Million Dollar Offering. This Offering, begun on August 1, 1947, is to be finished on July 31, 1949. In the first half of this period we were nearly \$25,000 short of our goal. This means that we must redouble our efforts from now until next August. One way in which to do this is to give generously for our Thanksgiving Offering, which is designated for the Million Dollar Offering.

On July 22, 1949, God willing, we expect to meet in Sioux Falls for the sessions of our next General Conference. Will it be a time of great rejoicing because we have reached the goal of our Million Dollar Offering? Shall we, at that time, lament our failure or shall we celebrate a great victory? Let us honor the name of Him who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," by presenting unto him a great Thanksgiving Offering.

**Our Relief Ministry**

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150 pounds! The Rev. Otto Nallinger, formerly pastor of our Salt Creek Baptist Church of Dallas, Oregon, has been appointed Director of Relief by the Baptist World Alliance. It brings to us real satisfaction to know that all the relief for Germany is distributed by our own "Bruderhilfe", which is the official Baptist relief organization in Germany.

During the past summer, the Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee met in London, England. Quoting from a letter from Director Nallinger, the Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee has set up the following relief program for the coming months, closing about March 1949:

\$63,000 for twenty-five Feeding Centers which are to be carried through March 31, 1949.

\$4,500 for the Community Centers.

\$12,000 for Medicines.

\$50,000 worth of food for the Baptist Churches to be distributed through the churches to needy Baptist families.

\$2,000 for the two Orphanages.

We expect to purchase 100 sewing machines at \$92 a machine.

We expect to purchase 100 bicycles at about \$25 a piece.

For the next eight months we will receive 1000 food parcels from Denmark each month. These will be distributed to needy families, students, and sick people.

We will give \$2,000 a month for the next six months to "Bruderhilfe" for operational purposes.

We have allotted \$5,500 to help pay for evangelistic tents. These tents have already been purchased but they have to be put up and outfitted at a cost of about 40,000 Marks. German Baptists are not able to pay for this because of the losses through the currency reform.

We will supply the Publication Society at Kassel with about eight tons of paper during the next six months; that is eight tons each month.

\$10,000 will be given to the Publication Society at Kassel with which to operate.

To carry out this proposed relief program will demand an expenditure of about \$200,000. Even a hasty reading of the relief items, will convince that the program is not only generous, but set up with practical intelligence. Not only this program, but our entire relief enterprise is motivated by our love to Jesus Christ and expressed toward our suffering brethren. It will be our most satisfying compensation to hear the Lord himself say to us on his Coronation Day: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

# We, the Women

Views and News of the National Woman's Missionary Union

By MRS. FLORENCE E. SCHOEFFEL, President

**A DAY WITH YOUR UNION OFFICERS**

I wish you had been present, Mrs. S... from the Northern Conference, and you, Mrs. W... from the Southwestern Conference — yes, and you from the Pacific, the Atlantic, the Southern, the Dakota, the Eastern, the Northwestern and the Central Conferences — at the day-long session of the Executive Committee of your Union, held in Forest Park on Oct. 8. You would surely have found a definite answer to the question, "Why spend the time and the money to travel great distances just to sit around and talk all day?!"

Great as is the temptation on such an occasion to visit informally with friends and co-workers whom one has not seen for a year, this was not indulged in by your officers. With a typed agenda before them almost a full page in length, listing such debatable topics for discussion as Chart Revision, General Conference plans, etc., they were kept strictly to business by the president who apologetically assumed the role of a strict taskmistress. Only at meal time was the conversation allowed to stray from the strict business level.

Exciting and interesting are the tentative plans made for the General Conference to convene in Sioux Falls next August: A breakfast business meeting, a Fellowship Hour after the afternoon program — and what an interesting program! Outstanding too will be the exhibits — with your help! Start now to save your year-books — they will make an attractive

display. Notice will be given later where to send them.

Revising our Project Chart, setting new goals for the coming triennium involved much thought and discussion. We believe we have worked out something that will be even more helpful than the present chart. This will be presented for your approval — or rejection — at the Conference business meeting.

In the July "Broadcast" appeared a questionnaire about your missionary study programs. To date, fifty societies have answered this, only a small percentage, but a fair cross section of our constituency, since all of the nine conferences were represented. This survey showed that the great majority studies our own mission fields and missionaries, the Cameroons leading the list. Without exception, everyone answered the question, "Would you like more suggestions for missionary programs?" in the affirmative. Consequently your officers spent considerable time discussing ways and means of making more material available. Watch the "Broadcast" for special announcements.

The central thought of the opening devotions, found in these verses: "Brethren (sisters), let every man wherein he is called, therein abide with God." "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding," expresses the spirit of the day. The guidance of the Lord was definitely felt in the important decisions made. Yes, it was a day well spent in the service of the King.

**SEPTEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE**

Conferences	Sept., 1948	Sept., 1947
Atlantic .....	\$ 1,850.98	\$ 691.35
Eastern .....	1,158.62	2,526.56
Central .....	6,880.49	7,620.95
Northwestern .....	3,658.06	6,665.72
Southwestern .....	4,331.96	6,520.51
Southern .....	269.55	2,729.45
Pacific .....	2,719.24	3,592.26
Northern .....	468.28	706.51
Dakota .....	4,397.54	3,597.24
Total for the Month .....	\$25,734.72	\$34,650.55

**MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING**

September 1, 1948 to September 30, 1948 .....	\$ 25,503.51
August 1, 1947 to September 30, 1948 .....	515,714.40
Total required to date .....	583,333.33

**TOTAL BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED**

April 1, 1948 to September 30, 1948 .....	\$162,458.30
April 1, 1947 to September 30, 1947 .....	185,446.15

# REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

## Northern Conference

### Children's and Youth Camps for Our Saskatchewan Baptist Churches at Echo Lake

On July 12th the camp grounds at Echo Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada became very much alive when boys and girls from various points in Saskatchewan came together to spend a week of Bible study and healthy recreation. At 7 o'clock every morning weary eyes opened at the sound of the rising bell. A hurried procedure of dressing and a cool refreshing wash with lake water, and all were ready for the 7:30 morning devotion in the Camp Tabernacle. Boys and girls as well as workers asked for the Lord's guidance and blessing for the day's activities. After breakfast a strenuous day began with lessons, flannel-graphs, stories, object lessons, and choruses.

The lessons on "Sin" and "Salvation" certainly had the approval and blessing of the Holy Spirit. Twelve boys and girls professed to have accepted Christ as their personal Savior. This was our first experience with a children's camp. But God certainly honored this effort. We are looking forward, should the Lord tarry with his coming, that next year we may double or even triple our attendance, which was over sixty this year.

Sunday, July 18th, was the crowning day of the children's camp and the opening day of the young people's camp. Many friends gathered in the tabernacle for Sunday School and worship service.

The lectures during young people's camp were very timely and inspiring. The Rev. August F. Runtz of St. Joseph, Mich., taught the "Doctrine of the Holy Spirit." Mr. Harold W. Gieseke of Trenton, Illinois lectured on "Evangelism." During this week young hearts and lives were rededicated to the Lord and some who had never had a real experience with the Lord took a new stand.

It is certainly a privilege for young people to attend a camp like this. It is a place of retreat from the firing lines in our warfare with Satan when the soul is nourished and spiritual food replenished, at the same time enjoying God's beautiful creation. May the Lord continue to bless and use these camps to his glory and honor!

E. L. Thiessen, Reporter.

Editors Note—Several reports have had to be held up until the next issue for publication. Reporters, please keep your reports brief! Send them promptly!



The New Cornerstone of the Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin After It Had Been Placed Over the Stone from the Former Church Building.

## Northwestern Conference

### Temple Church of Milwaukee, Wis., Holds Cornerstone Laying Exercises for New Building

The cornerstone laying for the new building of the Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin was held on Sunday, September 19, at three o'clock in the afternoon. The impressive service preceding the laying of the cornerstone was conducted by our pastor, Rev. Peter Pfeiffer. Members of our sister Baptist churches throughout the city and friends from the community assisted in making this a great experience for all. Dr. John Knechtel, Misses Alethea and Celia Kose from Chicago, and Mrs. George Austin, daughter of the first pastor of the church, took an active part in the service.

The Rev. George Zinz, Jr., pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of

### AN OPPORTUNITY!

There is an opportunity for a consecrated Christian couple to serve at the Baptist Children's Home, St. Joseph, Michigan. The husband is to be maintenance man, the wife to do general housework. (No cooking.) Room and meals are provided. There is also an opening for a girl or woman. Kindly make this a matter of prayer; this is your opportunity for real Christian service.

For further information write to The Rev. A. F. Runtz, superintendent, 1401 Langley Ave., St. Joseph, Michigan.

Milwaukee, opened the service by reading 1 Chronicles 29:10-18. Following the reading, the Rev. T. Knudsen, investment treasurer of the Wisconsin Baptist State Convention, gave us some sound advice and words of encouragement. Records and other important documents, including the BAPTIST HERALD, were placed in position on top of the old cornerstone with its time-worn contents, which had previously been removed from the old church and placed in the committee and other members of church. Dr. John Leybold, pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church, offered the prayer of dedication after which everyone joined in singing, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

Present indications point to a completed building soon after the year begins. The Lord willing, we will continue in faith, for "now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen, by it the elders obtained a good report."

Mabel E. R. West, Reporter.

### Young People's Sessions at the Northwestern Conference Held at Kenosha, Wisconsin

The Northwestern Conference Young People's Union held its banquet in the Immanuel Methodist Church in Kenosha, Wisconsin on Saturday evening, August 14. A very plentiful and delicious banquet dinner was served with about 156 persons in attendance. The banquet theme, "Pressing Forward," was taken from Philippians 3:14. Arthur Klein of Kenosha, Wis., led the song service and played several selections on the marimbaphone.

The new officers who were elected for the coming year are: president, Roger Norman, Watertown, Wis.; vice-president, Ruth Krueger, Elgin, Minn.; treasurer, Karl Krueger, Hutchinson, Minn.; and council representative, Ellen Lehr, Aplington, Iowa.

Our speaker, Mr. Harold Gieseke, brought a very inspiring message using John 4:42 for his text. The main thought of the message was that if we would put Jesus to the test in our lives we would find it more important than the opinions of many people.

The Young People's and Sunday School Workers Union was in charge of the Sunday afternoon service at which time the Rev. William Jeschke of Sumner, Iowa gave a very challenging message. A number of young people made their desire public to go into full-time service for our Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

Viola Wall, Secretary.

### Harvest and Mission Festival and Baptismal Service at Jeffers, Minnesota

The Jeffers Baptist Church of Jeffers, Minnesota held its annual series of Harvest Services from September 23 to 26. The Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Illinois was present as our guest to speak from the Scriptures and to show moving pictures of the denominational and missionary work. These were days of spiritual feasting for the pastor, Rev. William G. Trow, and the people of the church. The Sunday services were the most impressive as the theme of "Missions" was carried out in everything. The missionary offerings for the day totaled \$187.

Several of the young people prepared a Horn of Plenty for decorations with a lovely array of fruits and vegetables. Ladies of the church prepared a fellowship dinner which they served at the noon hour on Sunday. Following the meal, Dr. Leuschner spoke to us from his rich experiences of visiting our Mexican and Indian Mission Fields.

God's hand of approval has been upon the Jeffers Church. On Sunday, July 25, about 80 of our people gathered on the shores of beautiful Lake Shetek for an outdoor preaching service and baptism. On that afternoon 15 candidates followed the Lord into the baptismal waters. On the following Sunday these candidates were given the hand of fellowship into the church's membership.

William G. Trow, Pastor.

## Atlantic Conference

### Great Heights Are Reached by Atlantic Conference Youth at the Denton Lake Assembly

August 30 to September 6 was a week of almost unparalleled blessing for a large group of young people from our Atlantic Conference churches. This, the second successive assembly at beautiful Denton Lake in New York State, was probably the



Some of the Members of the Jeffers Baptist Church, Jeffers, Minn., With the Rev. and Mrs. Wm. G. Trow (Holding Their Children) Following the Fellowship Luncheon on Harvest Sunday.

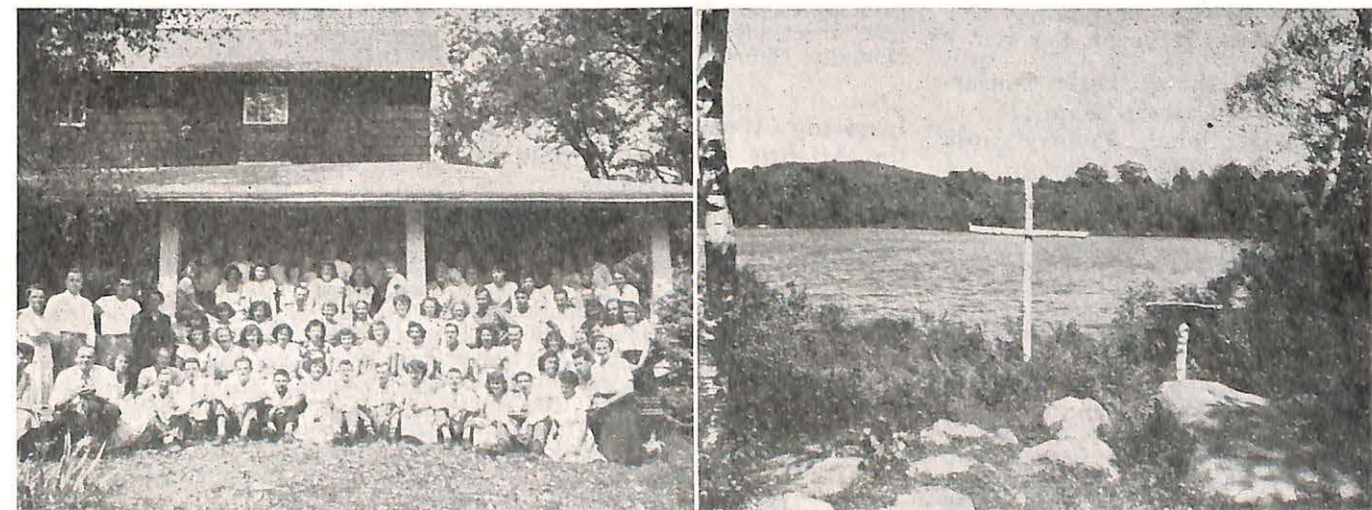
largest gathering of this sort ever held during Atlantic Conference history. Certainly, no other summer conference in this region ever exceeded the heights of spiritual joy and fellowship which a band of fifty-five weekly and ninety-two week-end campers realized together.

A splendid staff served under the leadership of the Rev. John F. Crouthamel, Jr., who served his second term as assembly dean. Dr. Martin L. Leuschner was present and brought an informative course entitled, "Know Your Denomination," which brought our youth up-to-date on denominational enterprises. The Rev. Robert Hess, the energetic and lovable pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Bethlehem, Pa., brought a provocative course on "Roman Catholic — Baptist Relationships." Earl and Lois Ahrens, our courageous young missionaries to the Cameroons, dealt with "The Call and Work of Missions" in their own winsome fashion. Mr. Crouthamel was devotional leader and conducted a series of inspiring vespers centered about the theme, "We Would See Jesus." Mr. Paul Appel, a second-year student in our Rochester Sem-

inary, was the very capable leader of recreational activities.

Sunday, September 5th, was a high day. None who were present will ever forget the beautiful spirit of worship which brought us directly into the presence of the Lord as a communion service was held in a natural chapel in the heart of a thickly clustered birch grove which faces out over the lake. The power of this service was carried over into the memorable candle-light service held that same evening, when the Rev. A. Husmann, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of New York City, brought a stirring message based on the service and loyalty of the child Samuel. Fifteen young people responded to the call for consideration to full-time Christian service and then descended the slope from the vesper grove in a candle-light procession to form a huge friendship circle about the flagpole before Robinson Hall with their other comrades. The pledges which were made to our precious Savior in those moments will shape the destiny of our work in this conference for years to come.

John F. Crouthamel, Reporter.



The Inspiring Group of Atlantic Conference Young People at the Assembly Held at Denton Lake, New York (Left); and the View Over the Lake from the Vesper Grove Where the Worshipful Services Were Held.

### Engagements of Missionaries Earl and Lois Ahrens Before Sailing for the Cameroons

The Rev. and Mrs. Earl H. Ahrens, Cameroons missionaries, went from Bethlehem, Pa., where they had attended the Atlantic Conference sessions, to Philadelphia, Pa., and spoke at a meeting in the Pilgrim Baptist Church on the evening of Sunday, September 19th. They came to New York City with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Thompson and children, by automobile on Wednesday, September 22nd. That night they spoke in the Immanuel Baptist Church to a well attended meeting to which also the Second Church, the Harlem Church, the Ridgewood Church and the Evergreen (Brooklyn) Church had been invited.



Children and Teachers of the Vacation Bible School Held by the First Baptist Church, Colfax, Washington.

The Norwegian Freighter, Pai Yin, on which the Ahrens sailed did not leave until Saturday, September 25th, at noon. The Thompsons, Mrs. John Schmidt, and the Husmann family accompanied them to the dock. We were told that they occupied a very comfortable cabin on deck level. They were very happy to have the company of a missionary family, serving under another American Mission Board, whose destination was also western central Africa.

Assaf Husmann, Reporter.

### Sessions of the Atlantic Conference at the Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

The Atlantic Conference met with the Calvary Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa., from Sept. 15 to 19. It was a kind act for the small church to invite the conference. They found room for all the guests.

The sessions were under the leadership of the Rev. G. Schmidt. The 25 churches, with a membership of 4252 persons, reported 153 baptisms, 23 more than last year. They contributed for all purposes \$250,729, nearly \$60 per member. The conference showed a net gain of 44 members. A special Memorial Service was held for the 50 members who had died during the year.

The denominational organizations

reported with the Rev. A. F. Runtz speaking in behalf of our Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich. The Girls' Home in New York and the Home for the Aged in Philadelphia let it be known how difficult it is under the present high food prices to maintain their work. The Publication Society in Cleveland was represented with a good selection of books; they are ready to serve us with all kinds of literature. The Rev. J. Crouthamel reported about the fine assembly which had been held in August. The Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ahrens represented our Cameroons work.

Dr. G. Lang reported 14 new students for the Seminary who had arrived at Rochester, which brings the number up to 55 for the present year.

The sermons and addresses were delivered by the following brethren:

us with an inspiring solo. Mrs. Edna Jahn, matron of the Home for Aged in Philadelphia, gave us a very fine report on the work in the Home. We also had the pleasure of welcoming into the Union a group of young women of the Calvary Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa., to be known as the Young Woman's Missionary Society.

The results of the election were as follows: president, Mrs. John Schlinger, Brooklyn, N. Y.; vice-president, Mrs. C. Peters, Elsmere, Dela.; secretary, Mrs. F. Klumpp, Union City, N. J.; and treasurer, Miss Marie Hensel, Bridgeport, Conn.

Last but not least, we had the privilege to listen to a very inspiring missionary address by Mrs. Lois Ahrens, our missionary to the Cameroons. She stressed particularly her work and experience among the women of the savage African tribes, where the women are like beasts of burden. But once having heard of the love of God for them and accepted salvation, they suffer persecution and beatings for Christ's sake. It surely was a wonderful insight into the life of these poor people. May God grant us grace to be faithful workers for him, thus showing our gratefulness for the many blessings we enjoy.

Bessie Klumpp, Secretary.

### Pacific Conference

#### New Members Received and Special Services Held by Baptist Church, Colfax, Wash.

The First Baptist Church at Colfax, Washington, conducted a most successful Vacation Bible School in June of this year, as the accompanying snapshot indicates. Nearly seventy youngsters were enrolled, with an average attendance of fifty-eight. A full church witnessed the demonstration program under the direction of Mrs. F. E. Klein, Bible School superintendent.

In May we enjoyed an unusually fine series of evangelistic meetings. Howard Jewell, nationally known soloist, thrilled our souls with his heart-stirring interpretations of Gospel songs. Mr. and Mrs. Jewell, and Miss Violet Johnson, who was Mr. Jewell's accompanist, conducted 4:00 o'clock meetings for the children. The speakers at the evening meetings were men from the Christian Business Men's Crusade, each evening bringing a different speaker.

We have been privileged to have several city-wide Youth For Christ rallies at our church. These are always most inspirational.

On Sept. 5 four new members were welcomed into the church, following communion service. Three of these had been baptized on a previous Sunday. We were also thrilled at the success of our first Pacific Northwest Summer Assembly, held from August 23 to 29. About one hundred people attended.

Mrs. Paul Krueger, Reporter.

### Welcome Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Rauser and Family at Lodi, Calif.

On Sunday evening, Sept. 12th, the members and friends of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, California assembled at the church to welcome their new pastor, Rev. G. G. Rauser and his wife and their daughters. As specially invited guests for the evening were the members and friends of the Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., and their pastor, Rev. W. W. Knauf, and the Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, California and their interim pastor, Dr. Abraham Harms.

Mr. August Auch, who so faithfully took upon himself the job of obtaining pastors for the time in which we were without a pastor and who performed many duties of the church which needed attention during that time, was the chairman of the evening. After several songs, Scripture reading and prayer, Dr. Abraham Harms spoke words of welcome in behalf of the Temple Church; Rev. Reuben Huenemann, president of the Ministerial Association of Lodi; Rev. W. W. Knauf, pastor of the Elk Grove Church; Mr. H. J. Tolliver, vice-mayor of the city of Lodi; all of whom spoke words of welcome to our new pastor. Then representatives from the various organizations brought words of welcome. The choir sang two beautiful numbers, one at the request of Mr. Rauser, "I'd Rather Have Jesus" and "The Banner Of The Cross." Marcine Christman then sang a vocal solo, "The Beautiful Hour of Prayer."

Mr. and Mrs. Rauser, as well as Jean and Alice, responded with words that expressed their thanks for this hearty welcome. After the service refreshments were served to more than a thousand people. The church, during the service, was packed to the doors, many standing in the doorways and many seated on the church lawn. It was a joyous day for us. We thank God for sending Mr. and Mrs. Rauser to us and we know that with God's help and the cooperation of the church and pastor great things can be accomplished in this church for the honor and glory of God.

Thelma Forsch, Reporter.

### Eastern Conference

#### "Veterans of Christ" of Erie's Central Church Are Honored by Fidelis Class

Along the dimming mileposts of the road of life with its cherished years that are past and fled, fraught with tears, sorrows, joys, laughs and thrills, fourteen members of the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., have travelled.

The Fidelis Class of young married couples had the privilege of bringing tribute to these "Veterans of Christ" at an evening worship service on Friday, Sept. 17th. The Rev. M. L. Leuschner, "Baptist Herald" editor, brought a most inspiring message on "God's Covenant of Love," using the "rainbow 'round the throne" as central



"Veterans of Christ" Who have Been Members of the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., From 50 to 62 years or Otherwise Very Active at the Reception Honoring Them Held by the Fidelis Class.

theme as he told the Honor Roll members: "God remembers his saints because of past services and faithfulness."

Mr. Lincoln Love, class president, read complimentary and congratulatory letters and telegrams from former pastors of the Central Church. Red roses denoting the class's love were presented along with Old English, hand-inscribed scrolls to each of the honored guests by Mr. Robert Eichler, former president.

Those honored for 50 to 62 years of service were: Mr. and Mrs. John A. Zurn, Mrs. Rose Storz, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Roth, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schillinger, Mrs. Emma Wolf, Mrs. Frieda Siegrist, Mr. and Mrs. George Neth, while Prof. Albert Mehnert was honored for his outstanding work as church organist and Mrs. Mehnert and Mrs. Marie Krebs were the oldest living members.

The youth chorus sang selections and Eva Whipple sang the Lord's Prayer. The pastor, Rev. Paul D. Ford, presided at the Lord's Table and communion was served by the Reverends W. S. Argow, E. B. Keller, G. W. Zinz, former pastors, and M. L. Leuschner.

A reception followed in the church parlors, enabling everyone to extend their personal good wishes to these fourteen members with almost 800 years of service among them. A brand new trail leads on from vanished years and the radiance of sunset bathes it in its glow!

K. Louise Eichler, Reporter.

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### Southwestern Conference

#### Annual Harvest and Mission Festival at the Strassburg Baptist Church of Kansas

Sunday, October 3, marked a day of special thanksgiving for the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kansas, with the First Baptist Church of Durham participating in the day's program. A display of fruits and vegetables together with beautiful floral arrangements reminded those who worshipped of God's goodness during another year.

The Rev. David Neumann, interim pastor at Marion, stirred the hearts of all with his message, "Money, the Golden Channel of Service." A missionary appeal was strongly sounded in the sermon of Dr. R. R. Mixon of the First Baptist Church of Newton, Kansas, as he spoke on "Marching Orders of Christians." The Rev. Waldo Hiebert, who is serving the Strassburg Church, was in charge of the program and delighted the older people with well chosen words of praise in the German language.

The spirit of Christian love existing among the three neighboring churches was particularly noticeable as it permeated the day's meetings. Gratifying indeed and thrilling as well was the splendid attendance at each service by the young people. Young people from the three churches beautifully and ably sang songs of praise to the glory of God. At the evening meeting there were talks by young people who out of the fullness of their hearts expressed thanks to God for Christian homes, churches and country. All present agreed that there is a bright future for our churches as long as young people so loyally and wholeheartedly serve Christ and their church.

The thanks offering for the day amounted to \$555. The ladies of the church served dinner and supper to the guests in the fellowship hall of the church.

Mrs. Harvey Kruse, Reporter.

## Dakota Conference

### Tabor Baptist Church Building Moved Twelve Miles to Mercer, North Dakota

We as the congregation of the Tabor Baptist Church of Mercer, No. Dak., are still at work even though



Rev. Fred J. Knalson (Left) of Underwood, North Dakota and Five Young People Whom He Baptized in the Waters of Brush Lake

you have not heard from us for some time. We have moved our church from the country into the town of Mercer, a distance of 12 miles, and have done a great deal of rebuilding. We dug a basement and built on a large addition to our church. Our pastor, Rev. Fred Schmidt, has given a lot of his time to help plan the new church as well as our deacon, Mr. Sam Rust, Sr.

We added six adult members to our church this year who are a great help to us as teachers. We thank God for



Children and Teachers of the Vacation Bible School Held by the Tabor Baptist Church of Mercer, North Dakota.

our growing and enlarging services which we have since moving to Mercer.

We had an enrollment of 43 children in our Vacation Bible School. The Beginners were taught by Mrs. John Miller and Lydia Bauer; the Juniors by Mrs. Betty Singer of Bismarck, No. Dak.; and the Intermediates by Rev. Fred Schmidt, our pastor. On Sunday afternoon the children gave a demonstration program before a large audience.

Mrs. Emanuel Bauer and Lydia Bauer, Reporters.

### Out-of-door Baptismal Service Is Held by Baptist Church of Underwood, North Dakota

Preceding the administration of the ordinance of baptism on Sunday, September 5th, at the First Baptist Church of Underwood, North Dakota a most appropriate sermon based on Acts 8:37, "If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest," was delivered during the morning worship service by the Rev. Fred J. Knalson, pastor.

Mid-afternoon found us travelling toward the scene of the baptismal service. After compassing a curve at the crest of a hill, we saw Brush Lake made beautifully blue by a sunny sky and surrounded by a setting of emerald green in the valley below us. At three o'clock, a large crowd assembled with the five baptismal candidates under a wide-spreading tree close by the shore.

Singing, prayer and especially selected Scripture portions presented by Pastor Knalson prepared us for participation in the remainder of the service. The Spirit-inspired hymn of consecration, "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow," was sung by all while our brothers and sisters in Christ passed through the baptismal waters. Ann Swain, Reporter.

### Rally Day for the Central Dakota Young People at Streeter, North Dakota

On Sunday, August 29, the Central Dakota young people gathered in the High School gymnasium at Streeter, No. Dak., where the Rev. F. Alf and his churches served us as host for our Rally Day. A thorough explanation of the Sunday School lesson in the German and English languages was given by the Rev. A. Krombein and the Rev. C. T. Rempel, respectively. The Rev. H. J. Wilcke of Linton brought us a very inspiring message.

### Mr. and Mrs. Klauss Celebrate Their Golden Anniversary at Parkston, South Dakota

For the first time in the history of the Baptist Church of Parkston, South Dakota, we had the privilege of celebrating a golden wedding anniversary in our midst. The honored couple was Mr. and Mrs. Klauss, who were married here fifty years ago on Aug. 28, 1898. To celebrate the occasion, they held open house on Saturday, at which time friends and neighbors extended their congratulations and gave them many beautiful gifts.

On Sunday the church honored them with an anniversary dinner and a program held under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. H. Braun. The pastor spoke on the words, "Hitherto the



Mr. and Mrs. Klauss of Parkston, South Dakota at Their Recent Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration.

Lord hath helped us." Kenneth Klauss, son of the couple, played a piano solo, which he composed himself. Then followed another quartet number, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness!"; a solo by Mrs. Emma Mehlhoff; a piano duet by Kenneth Klauss and Mrs. Robinson, both of whom are graduate musicians; and a violin solo by Prof. Engel, a brother of Mrs. Klauss.

The children were represented by the son Kenneth in a tribute to the parents. The deacons, Henry Mehlhoff of Parkston and Fred Lippert of Tripp, brought congratulations and gifts from the church. Mr. Harry Fiedler and Mr. Harold Lippert brought greetings on behalf of the Sunday School, and Mrs. H. G. Braun and Mrs. C. Frederick on behalf of the Woman's Missionary Societies.

Mrs. Klauss was the first convert baptized in the Parkston Church some 35 years ago. She also is one of the charter members of the Woman's Missionary Society. Both Mr. and Mrs. Klauss have given generously of their substance for the furtherance of God's Kingdom and have always had an open and hospitable home for our visiting ministers and evangelists.

Mrs. H. G. Braun, Reporter.

## OBITUARY

### MR. GEORGE H. JOHNSON of Stout, Iowa.

Mr. George H. Johnson of Stout, Iowa was born on June 14, 1890 in Grundy County, Iowa, and died at the age of 58 years on August 27th at the Mounds Park Hospital, St. Paul, Minn., after a year's illness of various complications.

In 1923 he was united in marriage to Florence Reiter. Three sons and three daughters were born to them, who all survive him. For several years they lived in the town of Grundy Center, Iowa, where he was employed as an auto salesman, later moving to a farm near Stout, Iowa.

He came to know Jesus as his personal Savior, and on confession of his faith in Christ became a member of the Parkersburg Baptist Church. Although at times he suffered intensely, yet he testified faithfully to all his friends of the need of being born again. The assurance that he is now at home with his Lord is the great comfort of his loved ones as they look forward to a reunion in the Father's House above.

Parkersburg, Iowa

H. LOHR, Pastor.

### MR. MANN DREESMAN of Parkersburg, Iowa.

Our departed brother, Mr. Mann Dreesman, was born in Luechtenburg, Germany on August 20, 1873, and died on September 10th of heart disease.

As a young man he came to this country, working for some time as a farm hand in Grundy County, Iowa. In 1902 he was united in marriage to Anna Krull. To this union eight children were born, four sons and four daughters, of whom one daughter preceded the father into eternity.

For a number of years the couple lived on their farm. However, during the last ten years they had retired from active farm life, and lived in their home in Parkersburg, Iowa. Since 1934 he has been a faithful member of the Parkersburg Baptist Church, honored and respected by all who knew him. His last days were filled with much physical suffering, but also with the joy of his salvation, knowing that soon he would see his Savior face to face in that land where pain and suffering are no more. May God bless and comfort all his loved ones who remain!

Parkersburg, Iowa

H. LOHR, Pastor.

### MR. GEORGE F. BLACK of North Freedom, Wisconsin.

Mr. George F. Black of North Freedom, Wisconsin was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on January 6, 1865, and passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Richard Hinz, in the town of Freedom, Wisconsin on September 30 at the age of 83 years, 8 months and 24 days.

At the age of 20 years he experienced the new birth in Christ Jesus, was baptized

### Fall Rally for the Northern North Dakota Young People at Harvey, North Dakota

On Sunday, September 5, the young people of the Northern North Dakota Association held their annual Fall rally at Harvey, North Dakota. Our theme was "Workmen! What of the Harvest?" with the text found in John 4:35 and the song, "Lift Up Your Eyes." The rally was opened with devotions led by Ronald Derman of the Anamoose Society. The message of the afternoon was brought by the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, mission secretary of our General Conference, whom we were very happy and privileged to have with us.

A fellowship supper was served in the City Hall by the Harvey Baptist

by the Rev. Mr. Mueller, who also extended the hand of church fellowship to him into the North Freedom Baptist Church where he remained a faithful member until the Lord took him home.

On March 10, 1889 he was united in holy wedlock with Miss Mary Lange of this community. They settled on a farm where they continued until their retirement a few years ago when they came to live in North Freedom. Just this past Spring this aged couple celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Black is survived by his wife, five daughters, two sons, thirteen grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and a large host of other relatives and friends. May the God of love and peace comfort those who mourn with the blessed assurance that we shall meet again in that great beyond!

North Freedom, Wisconsin

THOMAS D. LUTZ, Pastor.

### MR. LOREN LA VERNE JANSSEN of Emery, South Dakota.

Loren Le Verne Janssen of Emery, So. Dakota, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Janssen, was born on Aug. 5, 1926 on the farm three miles east of Emery. He received his education in a country school, after which he farmed with his father.

At the age of 15 he was baptized upon the confession of his faith by Rev. A. Itterman and accepted into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Emery, which he served faithfully until the Lord called him home.

On September 30, 1947 he was united in holy wedlock with Luella Fauth of Emery. About four months ago Loren's health began to fail and on August 12 he was taken to Rochester, Minn. After an examination at the Mayo Clinic, medical aid was given which after three weeks proved to be of no avail. He was called to his eternal home on Monday evening, September 6, 1948 at the age of 22 years, one month and one day.

He leaves to mourn his early departure his loving wife Luella; his parents; one brother, Diedrich of Emery; seven sisters, Mrs. Lillian Scharfenberg of Bridgewater, Mrs. Mable Decker, Mrs. Averyl Terveen, Mrs. Marian Klock, Marjorie, JoAnn and Janet of Emery; 17 nieces and nephews; his relatives by marriage; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the home of his parents and at the First Baptist Church of Emery Friday, Sept. 10 with Rev. P. G. Wiens of Chancellor, S. D., officiating at the service. He spoke on, "With Christ" based on Phil. 1:21-24. Interment was made in the Emery Community Cemetery.

Emery, South Dakota

D. S. WIPF, Pastor.

### MISS EMMA A. WIEDEMANN of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Miss Emma A. Wiedemann of Philadelphia, Pa., was born July 29, 1875 in the city of Philadelphia. She accepted Christ at

an early age and was baptized by the Rev. John C. Smith, pastor of the Third German Baptist Church of Philadelphia, in 1889. The Lord's work soon became her chief delight and she entered upon a long period of blessed service through the activities of that church. When it became necessary for that congregation to disband in 1924, Miss Wiedemann was serving as a member of the Board of Trustees and gave very careful attention to the distribution of the funds realized upon sale of the church.

After assisting in the final settlement of affairs in the disbanded Third Church Miss Wiedemann joined the mother church in Philadelphia, the Fleischmann Memorial Church. As "Aunt Emma" had always been active in B. Y. P. U. work and vitally interested in the activities of the King's Daughters, she soon plunged into the work of the new church with a zest and devotion which characterized her Christian service until the Lord took her home.

Perhaps the nearest interest to her heart in Philadelphia was the organization of the German Baptist Home for the Aged. Her spirit was always touched by the needs of the aged and she threw the full weight of her spirit and influence behind the great movement which has brought the Home to its present fine status. She served as secretary for the Women's Board and was instrumental in interesting many prominent Philadelphians in this work of love.

Her vocational life was in the field of social service. For thirty-eight years she was connected with the Society for Organized Charity and during that period won hundreds of friends and cultivated hosts of valuable contacts. She was ever the champion of the poor, sick and down-trodden masses in our city and she espoused their cause in the name of Jesus Christ. Her social service record is unique in that her every effort was for the Lord's sake and her achievements were unusual because they were motivated by an unusual faith. She was president of the Church Social Workers Guild. While holding that office in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania. She solicited the signatures of hosts of workers in bringing the necessary legislation before the State Legislature.

In 1936 her health failed and she was compelled to retire from the work which was so dear to her heart. But even though she was a shut-in for twelve years, her interest in social service work never waned and her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ waxed greater even in the midst of untold suffering. On June 28, 1948 the Lord relieved her load of pain and took her to the heavenly home which had become such a reality to her in the last two years of her illness. She is survived by two sisters of whom one, Miss Laura Cornwall, was her devoted nurse and sustainer. She also leaves behind myriads of friends and grateful benefactors of her love and concern for those whom Christ would never pass by. She was laid to rest on July 1, 1948. The Rev. John F. Crouthamel, Jr., conducted the memorial service.

Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Penn.

JOHN F. CROUTHAMEL, Jr., Pastor.

## THANKS BE TO GOD

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way to express our gratitude to God for his infinite love and mercies to us.

Truly, God has need of all of us with all of our talents and gifts. He has entrusted to our stewardship unprecedented responsibilities. The enlarged Cameroons mission field in Africa, the relocating of our North American Baptist Seminary to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the China Mission field, our Home Mission field, the enlargement of the Bible School in Canada, in all of these ventures of advance the Lord God depends on all of us. We shall not; yes! we cannot, fail him at a time like this!

We thank God for the opportunity to gather for rallies such as this. They are a real inspiration and all who attended felt that they had received a blessing. May God strengthen us as we work together for him!

Dorothy Wolitarsky, Secretary.

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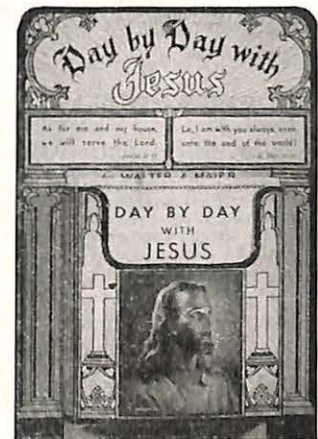
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